

AMERICAN AIRMEN BOMB PORT OF BREMEN

Russians Approaching Polish and Latvian Borders

Nazis Retreating South of Nevel, Moscow Reports

70 More Villages And Hamlets Taken

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 21 (AP)—Russia's winter-trained first Baltic army captured seventy more villages and hamlets yesterday in an offensive nearing the old Polish and Latvian frontiers, and Moscow announced early today that "the enemy is retreating, abandoning a great quantity of arms and ammunition."

Developing their big push from south of Nevel, just above the White Russian border, the Russians were believed to be within fifty-five miles of both Poland and Latvia in multiple thrusts toward the rail strongholds of Polotsk and Vitebsk.

Killed 24,000 Germans

In less than a week the Russians have recaptured nearly 1,000 square miles of territory the Germans had been holding and fortifying for more than two years, including 570 localities, and have killed or captured nearly 24,000 enemy troops.

A German broadcast also announced that the Germans had evacuated their bridgehead on the east bank of the ice-bound Dnieper river opposite the city of Kherson. Suggesting an imminent Soviet assault on Kherson itself, on the west bank, the Berlin announcer said "there is no doubt whatsoever that the enemy plans to take advantage of this."

A midnight communiqué supplied by the Soviet Monitor said Gen. I. C. Bagration's first Baltic army had wiped out 1,500 Germans attempting to hold an advantageous line south of Nevel, and killed 300 more in toppling one of several strongpoints reduced during the day.

Counter-Attacks Fail

German counter-attacks in the Korosten sector west of Kiev and near Kirovograd in the Dnieper bend also were beaten down by Russian armies of the south, the bulletin said.

The Germans were said to have lost 600 men and twenty-seven tanks in one sector of the Korosten front. They broke into one populated place, but Soviet counter blows forced the enemy to retire to his initial position, the communiqué said.

Hurling a regiment of 3,000 men and 100 tanks against Soviet siege lines near Kirovograd, the Germans declared to have lost 1,200 more men and thirty-nine tanks. Soviet soldiers also knocked out twenty Nazi tanks.

In the reduction of one German strongpoint on the Nevel front, the communiqué said a Soviet formation captured a considerable number of prisoners, eighty machine-guns, twelve guns, and a large cart column of military equipment.

Soviet advance guards were believed to be about thirty or thirty-five miles from Vitebsk on the North.

Thunderbolts Bag Five Nazi Fighters

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—In one of the war's most dramatic fighter battles, a flight of Thunderbolts assisted a crippled Fortress today against which five Nazi fighters were moving in for the kill.

The Thunderbolts streaked out of the sun and in a matter of seconds sent every one of the enemy attackers down in flames.

Nimitz Reports Destructive Raids On Jap Positions in the Marshalls

By ARTHUR BURGESS

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 20 (AP)—The intensifying air offensive against the Japanese-held Marshall Islands continued into its twelfth straight day with Seventh United States Air Forces bombers destroying at least five Japanese planes and blasting tiny Mili atoll with thirty tons of explosives, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

While the army's bombers were making double raids on both Saturday and Sunday on Mili, nearest Japanese base to the American-held Gilbert Islands, navy search planes tracked shipping in the western Marsh.

A naval Catalina hit a large

Berlin Changes Tune:

Germany Now Admits Balkan Drive By Partisan Army Is Dangerous

By ROGER GREENE

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The third week of major fighting along Germany's Balkan flank, the Yugoslav partisan army cut heavily into the German forces tonight, and a Berlin communiqué for the first time frankly characterized the action as "grim battles" in which 5,668 fresh Yugoslav casualties were claimed in Eastern Bosnia alone.

The German high command, which persistently had sought to present the weighty resistance of Marshal Josip Broz's (Tito's) forces as mere rabble-ripping, took a wholly changed tone of gravity in asserting that more than 3,000 parti-

American Heavy Bombers Bag 59 German Fighters

Mediterranean Bases Used in Great Raids

By WES GALLAGHER

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ALGIERS, Dec. 20 (AP)—Reaching for the heart of Nazi Germany from new Mediterranean bases, great fleets of American heavy bombers threw an aerial gauntlet into the face of Hermann Goering's Luftwaffe yesterday, shooting down or badly damaging fifty-nine German fighters in twin blows at Augsburg in Germany and Innsbruck in Austria.

The raids, with their omen of greater attacks to come, coincided with local gains by the Allied Fifth army in Italy, which pushed forward in places for two miles in the West-Central area, and the Eighth army, which was busily engaged in chopping to pieces for the second time its old opponent the nineteenth Panzer grenadier division, near the Adriatic coast.

Many Fighters Destroyed

The heavy destruction of Nazi fighters over enemy soil bore out predictions of American airmen that blows from this theater, combined with those from England, would spread and weaken Germany's fighter defenses despite the fact that the flight to Augsburg was the longest yet made from this theater, only eleven bombers were missing from the two missions and some of those were believed to be safe.

The Flying Fortresses and Liberators were escorting the entire way by American fighters, the advanced squadrons making this possible.

Engaged in the new Allied policy of doing more bad weather flying, Liberators of the Fifteenth air force flew to Augsburg, industrial city thirty-five miles northwest of Munich, and dropped their bombs through cloud patches. Augsburg is but eighty miles from the Nazi shrine of Nuremberg.

Between forty and sixty Nazi fighters swarmed into attack and were heavily engaged by Liberator gunners and escorting fighters.

Rail Junction Left Ablaze

The Fortresses which pummeled Innsbruck for the second time within a week left the big rail junction above Brenner Pass a mass of smoke and flame, despite the attentions of between seventy and ninety German Pockewill 100s and Messerschmitt 109s. Thirty-seven enemy fighters were destroyed for certain, with another twenty-two "probables."

An Allied communiqué said the assault on Innsbruck, famous ski resort, was "great and accurate."

North of Venafro on Italy's mountainous backbone, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth army troops continued

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Non-Operating Rail Employees Threaten Strike

Leaders May Act In A Few Hours

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Leaders of a million non-operating railroad employees may set a strike date tomorrow or Wednesday, compounding the danger of a nationwide rail tieup ordered by five operating brotherhoods, beginning December 30, to enforce wage demands.

While President Roosevelt quietly continued to seek a settlement and a House committee delayed action on the issue, transportation director Joseph B. Eastman uttered the warning that a rail strike "could do more harm to the war effort" than anything the enemy might do.

Call Meeting for Today

Sorely disappointed by failure to get prompt House action on the Senate-approved resolution which would validate an increase of eight cents an hour, a subcommittee of the nonoperating unions decided to summon all fifteen chiefs of those unions to a meeting tomorrow to consider the setting of a strike date.

The 350,000 operating railway workers have called a strike for Dec. 30, while the 1,100,000 non-operating clerks, machinists and similar workers have taken a strike vote without announcing results.

Eastman said the workers, after exhausting all appeal remedies, had the legal right to strike but "in my opinion they could not strike and remain good citizens."

May Remove Vinson

Eastman's warning came as the House Interstate Commerce moved today to take all jurisdiction over railway wage controversies from Economic Stabilization Director Vinson, key figure in both disputes.

Postponing action until Jan. 10 on a Senate-approved resolution to force an eight-cent-an-hour pay increase for the non-operating employees over Vinson's protests, the committee authorized a subcommittee to draft an amendment to the Railway Labor act exempting railway controversies from the stabilization act.

Simultaneously it was learned that chiefs of the operating brotherhoods had visited the White House for another conference with (Continued on Page 10, Col. 3)

Russia To Replace The Internationale

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Soviet Russia is going to replace the Internationale with the music and words of a new national anthem which better expresses the "Socialist context of the Soviet States," the Moscow radio announced tonight.

The present anthem begins "Arise, ye prisoners of starvation, arise ye wretched of the earth," and concludes by saying "the international Soviet shall free the human race."

The Moscow broadcast, recorded by the Soviet monitor, said the Council of Peoples Commissars had decided that the Internationale "does not reflect the basic changes that have taken place in our country as a result of our victories of the Soviet system and does not express the Socialist context of Soviet states."

Music adopted for the new anthem was said to be the work of Composer A. V. Alexandrov.

Baltimore To Get Coal In Emergency

By ARTHUR BURGESS

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Solid Fuels Administration directed today the immediate shipment into the Baltimore area of 1,300 tons of anthracite and 2,500 tons of highly volatile bituminous coal in an effort to help abate what has been called a critical coal shortage.

Arthur H. Hendley, executive secretary of the Baltimore-Maryland Coal Exchange, commented "these shipments are welcome but they represent less than a day's requirements in this section."

Hendley added that consumption during the coal burning season in the Baltimore area was about 60,000 tons of anthracite and 100,000 tons of bituminous a month.

Dr. Charles J. Potter, FSA deputy administrator, announced meanwhile that 150,000 tons of low volatile bituminous coal soon would be allocated for shipment each month to thirteen Eastern Seaboard states to supplement regular anthracite supplies. He said Maryland's share had not been determined.

The FSA also ordered immediate shipment of 700 tons of anthracite and 200 tons of bituminous to Annapolis to help ease a shortage there.

RAIL UNION LEADERS CONFER WITH ROOSEVELT

ACTING TO AVERT OR POSTPONE the threatened "progressive" national railroad strike scheduled to start Dec. 30.

President Roosevelt summoned to Washington the five leaders of the operating brotherhoods (above) and representatives of the roads. The union men, shown outside the White House, are (l. to r.) T. C. Cashen, president of the A. F. of L's Switchmen's Union; H. M. Fraser, president of the Order of Railway Conductors; A. P. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Alvanley Johnson, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and D. B. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Somervell Backs Canada Oil Plan

Aid in Invasion, General Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—In a blistering rebuff to governmental demands for abandonment of the army's \$130,000,000 oil venture in Canada, Gen. George Somervell proclaimed it today as an essential link in Allied invasion strategy which "should be expanded."

The tall, gray-haired chief of the army's services of supply told critics on the Senate's investigating committee the project was "courageously and successfully executed despite geographical obstacles and the counsel of the timid."

WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson has reported to the committee that he, Interior Secretary Ickes, and Navy Secretary Knox are agreed that the project should be junked.

Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) announced after Somervell left the stand that his testimony "hasn't changed my mind that this is a bad project, undertaken without an estimate of its cost and the time required to complete it."

Somervell declared the nation's joint chiefs of staff have made the project an essential part of their grand strategy for a global offensive, and with its prospective production beyond early dreams, "it is not a question of completing it—I have no doubt funds will be sought for its expansion soon."

Americans Take Arawe Air Strip

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA, Tuesday, Dec. 21 (AP)—American troops captured the Arawe air strip in southwestern New Guinea Sunday, General Douglas MacArthur announced today.

The Americans gathered in the Japanese air field in an advance of six miles east of Cape Merkus, where they landed last Wednesday.

Allied planes dropped a record 414 tons of bombs on the enemy's air installations at Cape Gloucester, also on Sunday. This was more than 1,600 tons of explosives put there since Dec. 1.

Morgenihau, Boiling Mad, Says Tax Bill Is Worse Than No Bill At All

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Boiling mad, Secretary Morgenihau declared today that the way the \$2,000,000,000 Senate tax bill stands now "the treasury would be better off with no tax bill—but on that basis we'd be awfully badly off."

Amplifying a prepared statement he read to a late-day news conference, the treasury chieflain voiced sharp criticism of business requests for amendments to the war contract renegotiation law, and of the Senate Finance committee's action in freezing social security taxes at the present 1 percent rate.

He added, however, that he was still hopeful the lawmakers would reconsider their action over the Christmas holidays and "give us a real revenue producing bill."

"I'm still sticking to \$10,900,000,000," he replied in answer to a question as to how much the treasury wanted.

Discussing the renegotiation amendments, the secretary paid tribute to army, navy and maritime commission actions that have recovered more than \$5,000,000,000 from war contracts. Morgenihau said "the smartest thing business can do is to leave it (the renegotiation law) alone—unless business executives want to spend the rest of their lives on the hill before investigating committees."

Morgenihau in his statement declared "the changes in the renegotiation provisions which have been proposed will make renegotiation so complex as to be practically unworkable and also will certainly cost the government large amounts."



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JAPS LEAVING BOUGAINVILLE, SPOKESMAN FOR HALSEY SAYS

By VERN HAUGLAND

SOUTH PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Tuesday, Dec. 21 (AP)—Indications that the Japanese are beginning to pull out of the heavily defended southern part of Bougainville island were disclosed today by a spokesman for Adm. William F. Halsey.

"The Southern sector, which centers at Buin and embraces Japan's big bomber field at Kahili and the subsidiary air strip of Kara, was bypassed by American forces which invaded Bougainville at Empress Augusta bay on the West-Central coast Nov. 1."

Admiral Halsey's spokesman said much foot traffic has been spotted from the air moving along the east coast trails. (That is the only coast up which the Japanese Southern Bougainville garrison could move by land because the American beachhead bars the way on the west.)

The spokesman also said there has been a marked increase in baggage traffic headed north.

"Barges have been used previously in the Central Solomon campaign by the Japanese to take off forces abandoning untenable positions."

Aviator Drowns, Second Missing

Two Others Make Parachute Leaps

LANGLEY FIELD, Va., Dec. 20 (AP)—One army flyer was drowned and another was missing today after parachuting from a partially disabled plane when one of the engines caught fire near Hoopers Island, Md.

Two other airmen made the jump safely while the remaining six men of the crew stayed with the plane and landed safely at the Camp Springs air base near Washington, Langley Field authorities said. One of the plane's motors had failed.

Tech. Sgt. John R. Sommers, 25, of Minon, Ill., landed unhurt in the Methodist Churchyard on Hoopers Island. He notified nearby residents of what had happened and searchers were dispatched immediately.

The name of the drowned flyer was withheld pending notification of relatives.

Carlton Thomas and Ivy Ray, of Hoopers Island, said they attempted to reach the flyer who had evidently landed on the ice-coated water near the island. Guided by his cries, the two men were about seventy-five yards away when they heard the parachutist cry: "Oh, my God, hurry."

Reached him, he was dead. The Ray was reported too thin to bear the weight of a man.

Dr. Joseph K. Shriver, county medical examiner, said the death was due to drowning.

Second Lieut. Matthew R. Martin, 25, Plymouth, N. C., bombardier, landed in the shallow water off Barron Island. He wandered about for several hours before he was found. Martin was treated for shock and exposure at the Cambridge, Md., hospital.

Maryland state police, the navy and volunteers are continuing the search for the missing man.

Destroy 42 Nazi Planes, Lose 25 Bombers in Raid

RAF and Dominion Fliers in Action

By ROBERT N. STURDEVANT

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—United States Eighth Army Force Flying Fortresses and Liberators bombed the German U-boat center at Bremen in daylight today and with supporting fighters destroyed forty-two Nazi fighter planes for a cost of twenty-five bombers and eight fighters.

A joint British and American communiqué declared the operation was carried out by strong formations of raiders under escort of United States fighters, and these together accounted for forty of the destroyed Nazi planes—twenty-one of the heavy bombers and nineteen by their escort.

In supporting sweeps, RAF and Dominion fighters knocked down two enemy aircraft.

Sofia Reported Bombed

Sofia was reported bombed again today and waves of British-based bombers and fighters blasted Germany and occupied territory by daylight to complete a new two-way aerial punch launched yesterday when United States heavy air fleets struck at Germany and Austria from Mediterranean bases.

The raid on the politically-shaken Bulgarian capital, which last was pounded by American raiders for an hour and forty-five minutes Dec. 18, was said by the Hungarian radio to have been unleashed at noon. It was the fourth Allied air raid in two months on Sofia, a city of 300,000 at the junction of the main communication lines from Western to Southeastern Europe.

Domestic radio transmitters around Berlin and the Vichy radio network, including a big station in Southern France, went silent tonight—indicating new RAF activity.

Reuters reported the transmitters remained blacked out for more than two hours at Berlin, which a Swiss traveler declared today was now three-fifths destroyed.

Bomb Northwest Germany

American Eighth Air Force heavy bombers, accompanied by numerous squadrons of fighters, for the fourth time in nine days struck at North-west Germany where the Nazis are struggling desperately to build and repair their diminishing U-boat packs.

This blow fell in the area of Germany's northernmost fighter defenses just twenty-four hours after Liberators and Fortresses of the fifteenth air force flew from Mediterranean. (Continued on Page 10, Col. 3)

Veteran Figures In Pathetic Incident

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 20 (AP)—When a young man riding in a Baltimore stretcher took out a small notebook, wrote hurriedly in it, and offered the message to a young woman sitting next to him, he met with a firm rebuff.

Then the wan, plainly dressed man attempted to show the book to another fellow rider and was again waved aside.

A third passenger read the message—"Will you tell me when the car gets to Mercy Hospital?"

The third passenger nodded. As the car approached the hospital, the young man turned to leave. A broad new scar running down the side of his throat was visible.

Just as he moved away, the young man pushed a second note under the young woman's nose. It read: "World War 2 veteran."

The young woman had the grace to blush, said the Baltimore Sun in relating the incident on its editorial page.

Washington Printers Accept WLB Request That They Return to Work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Unexpectedly ending a one-day stoppage that crippled publication of the capital's four newspapers, officials of the Columbia Typographical Union acceded tonight to a War Labor Board request that its printer members return to work.

The decision, by Jesse B. Manbeck, the local union's president, followed a ten minute closed conference with labor members of the WLB.

Previously, Manbeck told the board he would refuse to recommend a resumption of work unless the board would "assure an expeditious settlement" of wage negotiations with publishers.

Tomorrow is a lovely word

CHAPTER FORTY-SIX

IT WAS LIKE sitting in a darkened cinema, watching a drama played upon the silver screen, and she and Andrea, Jim and Dennis Archer were characters acting out a story born in the fertile mind of a fiction writer.

Beth Kinnnan had been sitting in the rocker in her basement bedroom for four hours, trying to make herself believe that all that had happened in less than five hours was real.

Here eyes shifted from the framed embroidery piece over her bed

to the clock on the mantle as it struck two, and she thought that she ought to get up and go to Andrea.

Andrea had come in at once. Beth had heard her quick, light footsteps overhead, and she had thought, "I must have a little more time."

But time hadn't helped. Still she didn't know how to break the news so that it would be less of a shock. Once she would have thought that such good news couldn't be a shock, but now experience had taught her that it was.

She had herself heard Jim's voice on the telephone, and yet she could feel nothing. There was only numbness where there should have been joy. It simply wouldn't register. It was as if her brain were a slate which would not take the writing. And if it could be that way to her, might it not be worse for Andrea?

But Andrea must know at once. It was her right, and though she hadn't been able to think of the words she would say, she knew that she would have to go up immediately.

Without knocking, she entered Andrea's room.

Andrea was sitting up in bed, reading the newspaper.

Beth stood with her back to the door, swallowing the breath that rose in her throat.

Andrea looked up and said, "Hi! I didn't know you'd still be awake. Dennis and I—" She broke off, seeing Beth's face, that was white in the shadows. "What's the matter?"

"Nothing." "Nothing? You look as if you'd seen a ghost."

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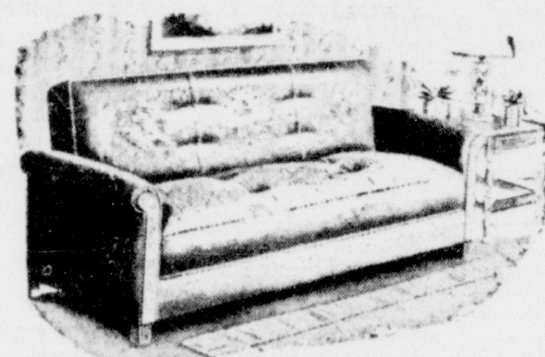
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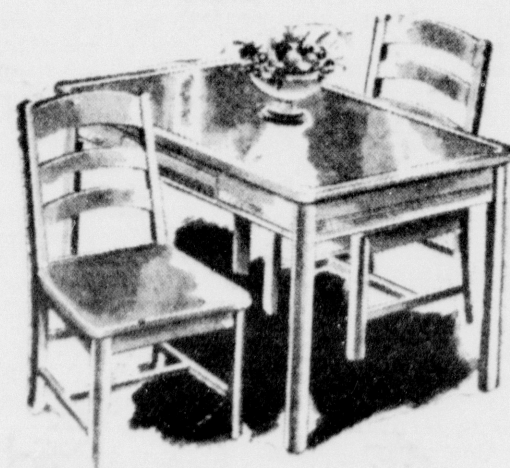
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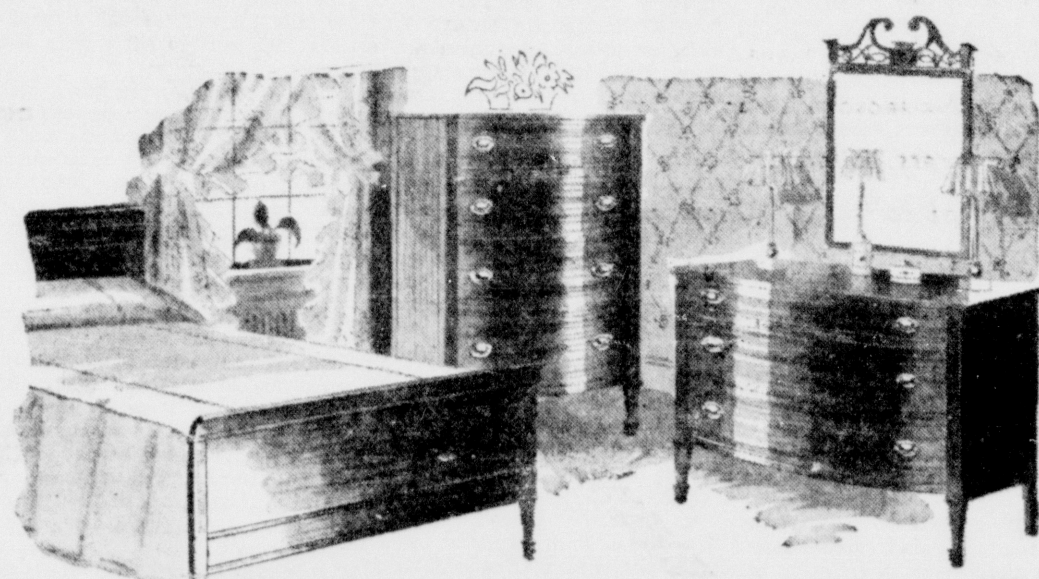


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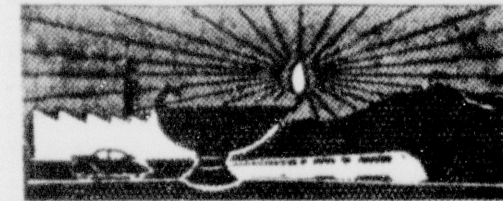
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New Tax Measure Is Not What It Is Advertised

PAUL MALLON, in his letter published on this page, lifts the camouflage with which the pending tax measure has been covered and discloses that the thing is not at all what its framers have alleged it to be. Despite the declaration that individuals cannot stand any more taxes just now and that the Congress doesn't intend to increase their burden by retaining the old rates, it is pointed out that the same old taxpayers are hit again in the neck through lowered exemptions and other eliminated deductions hitherto allowed. Thus, as noted, the boost is accomplished by stealth.

As Mallon says, this measure is "basically awkward, unimaginative and... inefficient" with respect to readjustments of already over-burdened tax sources and betrays a glaring lack of courage in searching out new tax sources or the inflation money in the pockets where it resides.

Moreover, instead of responding to the demands of the people for simplification in the taxing forms, the new measure complicates them still further. Washington now reports that the returns some fifty million taxpayers will have to fill out for next March 15 will be the most complicated arithmetic problem the Internal Revenue Bureau will ever have presented to individual taxpayers.

Let any one think he finished with his 1943 income tax when he met the December 15 deadline, which was the last opportunity for revising estimates and meeting the pay-as-you-go installments, this is what is in store for March 15.

Actual income earned in 1943 must be reported and the tax figured on it, just as was done in previous years. But, in addition, the taxpayer must figure his Victory tax, which has a different set of exemptions and deductions. The amount of tax which may be "forgiven" under the pay-as-you-go law must also be computed and deducted from the total tax. The result must then be compared with the estimates of income and tax reported on Sept. 15 and Dec. 15, and checked against the installments paid on those dates and the amount of tax taken out of his pay checks since July 1 under the withholding procedure.

Having done all this, the taxpayer will know whether he still owes the government anything on his 1943 income, or whether he has paid too much and the government owes him something. If he finds he under-estimated his tax by more than twenty per cent, he must add a penalty equal to six per cent of the difference.

Continuing the practice of the last two years, the bureau will provide both a "long" and a "short" form, the latter to be used only by persons with incomes under \$10,000.

This time the "short" form will not be referred to as "simplified," because even the Internal Revenue Bureau agrees that it is not simple. But to make things as easy as possible, the "short" form describes each step in more detail than the "long" form, and therefore looks much longer and more complicated than it really is, the bureau says.

Even when this job is done, the taxpayer will not be finished with his March 15 duties. He must also estimate his 1944 income, repeating what he did for 1943 last September. The form on which this will be done cannot be prepared until Congress passes the 1944 tax law, but it also promises to be very complicated.

The blame for much of the added complications is easily placed. It rests on the administration forces which, in a purile effort to save face, bailed up the Ruml plan when Congress adopted it. The difficulties now presented in filling out the tax returns will promote a great amount of injustices both on the part of the taxpayers who will be paying more than their just share because they are unable to determine it, and on the part of the government, which for the same reason will lose a considerable amount of the revenue the tax measure is intended to raise, and the chances are that as between the two the government will be the worst sufferer.

An Injustice Is Done to Senators

A CURRENT CARTOON does an injustice to the United States Senate. It pictures it, in the caricature of a fat man, holding up a forbidding hand to an armed soldier in the distance with the caption that the soldier has the right to die but not the right to vote. That is to say, the Senate has denied the soldier the right to vote, which is untrue as the Senators, in rejecting the scheme to let the administration

have control of the absentee servicemen's vote, sought to increase his opportunity of participating in next year's elections. The administration plan limited the voting to federal offices, but by insisting upon the constitutional method the senators sought to extend the privilege to all state and local offices, to which the serviceman has just as much right as the others.

But not only in cartoons but in other ways has this misrepresentation been promulgated. That sort of thing is unfair both to the servicemen and the people back home as well as the senators. Doubtless there must be some federal aid in getting the ballots distributed and in collecting them, a phase which the Senate did not overlook. In the end, it is likely that this will be arranged but with states' rights duly protected, which is as it should be.

Meanwhile, it is well to note, some of the states are already beginning to take steps toward revision of their registration and election laws to meet this war situation. Governor Neely, of West Virginia, and Governor Arnall, of Georgia, have announced their intentions of calling special legislative sessions for the purpose, and other states where time limits are prohibitive can be expected to follow suit. Governor Darden, of Virginia, has asked his attorney general to study the absentee soldier voting, poll tax and registration provisions of the state constitution, and Governor O'Connor, of this state, has asked the commission on revision of election laws to study the problem with the same object in view.

There is plenty of time in which to make the necessary revisions, which, of course, should be of a temporary nature to cover the war emergency. In the end, as the result of the patriotic and forthright action of the Senate, the servicemen will have his suffrage privilege as he should have it, unfair representations to the contrary notwithstanding.

State Gasoline Use Is Reduced

WHEN Governor O'Connor asked the state treasurer, Hooper S. Miles, to take over the administration of state automobile use, Maryland, as the *Baltimore Evening Sun* says, was ringing with criticism of the free and easy manner in which state-owned cars were driven about. The unnecessary driving alleged could not have been justified in normal times and, of course, it was much more reprehensible at a time when private motorists were restrained for the purpose of aiding the gasoline needs of the armed forces.

The *Evening Sun* says that Miles has corrected this abuse and is entitled to due praise therefor. Since last June 11, when he took on the assignment, the travel of state-owned cars has been reduced by a monthly average of 77,000 miles, or a total, for six months, of more than 460,000 miles, representing a cut of forty-two per cent under that of last year and making possible the return of 52,956 gasoline coupons to the O. P. A.

There may be some quibble as to how much of this was due to an actual dearth of the gasoline supply and how much to Miles' efforts, but the chances are that the latter have contributed considerably to the end sought and far be it from any critical-minded person to deny credit where it is due for a good job for which there should have been no necessity in the first place.

Newsreels of Mussolini being greeted by Hitler and his henchmen show Benito looking dazed and wild-eyed. And who wouldn't be—finding himself surrounded by that cutthroat gang?

American culture often takes a terrific wallop. "Pistol Packin' Mama" made its author more money than Stephen Foster realized from all his imperishable melodies.

What some of the people are anxious to learn is whether those 2,000,000,000 red and blue ration tokens, to be issued late in February, may be used as poker chips.

Your Nepal

By MARSHALL MASLIN

I wonder what's happened to Nepal, the land to the north of India where for many a year white men could not enter.

Nepal is fertile. It is rich in minerals, rich in tradition, rich in pride. Its government is very old, and its rulers have always been suspicious of the white man. They are polite but firm; they guard the long and narrow pass between their country and India with a vigilance that is never relaxed. No man could enter and the British knew better than to try. They were told to stay out and out they stayed.

The fierce Gurkha soldiers go out from Nepal to fight in the British armies; the white soldiers do not go into Nepal either to defend it or to conquer. Nepal said "No!" and always meant what it said. And I hope that nothing in this war changes the firm status of Nepal.

Somewhere within you is a Nepal, a part of you that is all your own and is not revealed. You keep it to yourself, allow no one to enter that Nepal of yours. Even the doorway to that Nepal within you is hidden from view of the casual traffic. No one but you knows it is there, and even you may sometimes forget just where it is.

Someone may say to you: "I know him like a book." It is never true. No one knows you like a book, no one may turn all the pages of you. Even you may not do so. Some of those pages are uncut and cannot be read. What is in that secret Nepal of yours? Dreams you have had, dreams you have not brought to fulfillment? Abilities you have not tried in the strong conflict of life? Hopes you hardly dared mention? Adorations? Dislikes? Worries? Great riches? Trash?

That Nepal of yours may be the best part of you, it may be the weakest, least useful. It may be your salvation or your betrayal. It may be heroic—or cowardly! Break into it! Explore it! Discover for yourself what manner of Nepal you carry so tenderly within your breast. Learn forever whether it is Waste Land or the Land of El Dorado.

Solutions Are Seen For Three Major Pending Measures

By MARK SULLIVAN

Congress last week voted to recess until January 10, with three measures (among others) suspended between House and Senate. Recess in this circumstance has been criticized as ineptness of the legislative branch of government. Likewise, the attitudes already taken by House or Senate on each of the three measures have been criticized severely. But it is safe to say that when Congress returns, there will be an advantage of new light and of reflection on the three questions involved.

Final action will differ from the original impulse. The House passed a bill putting an end to the administration's use of food subsidies, by the immense majority of 278 to 117. Every one of those 278 votes was justified by one or several reasons, many of them reasons of sound principle. No one of the 278 Representatives need ever apologize for his vote—but it is probable that in the end most of them will modify, though not reverse their positions.

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Reasons of Expediency

There are reasons of expediency which make it desirable that the administration, in opposing high prices and inflation, be permitted to use subsidies—in limited sums and for limited purposes—as one of its tools. This was realized when the bill went to the Senate. In this body there were efforts at compromise. The efforts failed. In the end both Houses passed an emergency measure permitting continuation of subsidies until some weeks after Congress reassembles. By that time it is very probable both Houses will agree on a definite measure, permitting subsidies in a way that will give the administration the tool it needs, yet with limitations that will satisfy Congress.

The Senate passed, 74 to 4, a resolution which was widely described as giving an increase of pay to a group of railroad workers, the non-operating employees, and much criticized as an inappropriate action for the legislative body to take, and a step toward inflation. Actually, what the Senate resolution did, was to validate a step already taken with the approval of a board in the executive branch of government. Within the executive branch, contradictory positions had been taken by boards and individuals, including the president. Due to this confusion, the railroad workers had been, in Senator Truman's phrase, "kicked about" in a roundabout that had lasted some eighteen months.

Brought to a Head

What was in the minds of Senators, as much as anything else, was to bring the matter to a head. This will now be done, already under way. The president, and Executive agencies under him, will bring about conclusion of all the wage disputes involving all branches of railroad labor. The conclusion can give the railroad workers some increase of pay—without necessarily violating the so-called "Little Steel" standard which is the administration's wall against inflation. This will be done before Congress reassembles. Probably the resolution acted upon by the Senate will not need to be acted upon by the House at all.

In the Senate was debated, early this month, a measure to give soldiers opportunity to vote, largely by federal action. After six days of debate the Senate voted down the original measure, passed a substitute putting soldier voting almost wholly in the hands of the states, with co-operation by the Army and Navy. The measure as passed went to the House, will be acted upon by the latter body before recess.

False Charge

About this measure, violent controversy has arisen, including epithets and charges which imply that some senators do not support soldier voting. This is not true; there is not a man in House or Senate but wishes every soldier to have

AGAINST RAIL RAISE



FRED M. VINSON, director of Economic Stabilization, is shown as he testifies before the House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce in Washington, on the Senate-passed bill which approves a eight-cents-an-hour increase for railroad workers. He spoke in opposition to the bill.



New Tax Bill Hits Same Old Taxpayers Despite Rate Screen, Paul Mallon Says

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Congressional taxmakers entered an apparent gentlemen's agreement earlier in the year that they would soak the individual income taxpayer no more until he had a chance to straighten himself out of the so-called "pay-as-you-go" device by which they half-covertly hiked his war taxes at least twenty-five per cent, under the benevolent guise of letting him pay currently after 1945.

Members of the House committee, and also Senate Finance, agreed the individual just could not stand more during this transition period of double taxation. Nothing was written down, but public statements were issued by many members to this effect.

Air Age Brings New Problems

From the Johnstown, Pa., Democrat

The news columns carried a story the other day which holds significance in this age of air travel—particularly in the light of the tremendously increased air travel after the war. It was headed "Know Where You Caught Flu?" From British Guy.

The problem of the spread of infectious diseases—even the common cold and the mild type of influenza prevalent today—will become a real one when the world's airlines establish their globe-girdling services. It demands immediate attention so some form of control can be planned.

Let an expert quoted by The Daily Express of London tell the story: "This is British flu—not the last war's Spanish influenza. It quickly spread through this Northern English town and reached the Midlands and London."

"Canada and the United States got flu from passengers and crews of planes and ships arriving from this country. By plane the U. S. quickly passed it on to South America, from whence it traveled to the European mainland where it made its first appearance in Lisbon."

"Soon Berlin was reporting cases of 'ekilergippe' (cellar flu). The disease was carried to Germany by passengers and crew of the Luftwansa airliners from Lisbon."

Think of it! A single case of influenza in an isolated community in Northern England spreading throughout North and South America and Europe in a matter of a few weeks. And it did this despite the stringent travel restrictions imposed by war. Consider the rapidity of the spread of such a virus after the war when people will think no more of spending the weekend in London than they used to of motoring out to Chicago to visit Aunt Suzie.

Factographs

Forty to eighty-two per cent of the office workers in small-arms plants are men.

Sausages are mentioned in the writings of Greeks in the third century.

Potatoes were introduced into the United States from England in 1629.

Morning Motto

Necessity is the mother of invention.—FARQUHAR.



Paul Mallon

Now, after nine months of searching for new methods of taxation—and failing to consider seriously a single new method, not even voting on a sales tax or a spending tax, or trying to reach the special restricted class of inflated war incomes—Senate Finance has submitted a bill:

To hit the same old individual income taxpayer and no one else, again by stealthy method of allowing rates to remain the same while removing two important exemptions.

Two Credit Cuts

Elimination of the ten per cent earned income credit will hike the individuals tax costs about \$540,000,000 next year, disallowance of deductions for excise taxes will cost \$150,000,000 more. In all, this bill raises income taxes again by probably \$700,000,000.

How did they dare do it? Chiefly because a thoughtlessly false, if not intentionally deceptive, propaganda has been built up before the public. Taxpayers in their giddiness or frustration have come to believe their own words—"the country can stand more taxes," "people have money to burn," "danger of inflation."

The truth is certain war working people have greatly increased incomes, but most people have much less after taxes and high prices.

No one advertises the truth that this government increased its toll on the income taxpayer 152 per cent in the first five months of this fiscal government year (July to December) over last year. Little do you hear of taxation rising 700 per cent in three major bills since Pearl Harbor, the brunt falling on old taxpayers, not the inconsiderable new war workers (9,000,000 new victory taxpayers pay only \$162,000,000).

One Fifth Taken

A struggling married wage earner getting \$5,000 a year must pay twenty per cent or \$1,000 to his federal government, in addition to state and county taxes and other federal levies on cigarettes, liquor, etc.

All you hear are expert arguments about inflation with generalized overall national figures about swollen incomes, nothing about this \$5,000 man trying to buy bonds, pay withholding, terrific prices and raise a family on about half or less of what he earns.

No one, absolutely no one, takes the part of the individual taxpayer. The way the propaganda has been set up, it is considered unpopular,

even remotely unpatriotic to do so. But generalized average taxation already is \$357 per person here compared with \$291 in Britain, \$261 in Canada, and our people already pay eight times more than in World War I.

Established Trend Denied

This government, without this bill, will collect possibly \$45,000,000,000 this year, pay at least forty-seven percent of the war cost, and its expenditures will run below expectations while its revenues will be higher than budgeted, making any tax increase less necessary. Yet the Treasury ardently offsets such figures and denies this established trend of reduced deficits in its war, excessive taxation zeal.

And this Finance committee spent most of its time moderating renegotiation of contracts on business. Perhaps some such steps were necessary to prevent injustices and leave business something for after-the-war conversion, but it lost sight of consideration for the individual taxpayer.

Courage Lacking

No fair-minded authority will deny that both the House and Senate tax bills are basically awkward, unimaginative, non-partisanship inefficient upward readjustments of already overburdened tax resources, that no one concerned, including the Treasury, has shown the slightest political courage toward developing new tax sources or searching out the war-inflation money in the pockets where it resides.

Somehow, politicians have the notion taxpayers never rise up at elections. It was the New Deal which first fully discovered that tremendous taxation does not hurt politically. As long as this relief prevails, the income taxpayer may continue to be the constantly fleeced goat of government.

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Not a Matter Of Emotionalism

From the Morgantown, W. Va., Post

A United States Senator recently received a letter from a friend of his who is serving in North Africa with the Lend-Lease Administration. "I wish," the friend wrote, "the people here loved us as much as we think they do."

We Americans are going to save ourselves a great many postwar headaches and a vast amount of disenchantment if we banish from our minds the notion that our relationship with the rest of the world can be carried out on a basis of affection.

Enlightened self-interest is the best possible guide for international co-operation, and we Americans cannot expect other peoples to work with us unless their legitimate self-interest is served and promoted.

There is a vast difference between self-interest and selfishness, and no nation can be justly criticized for seeking to further its own interests.

No wave of emotionalism arising wholly from being allied in war against a common enemy is a sound foundation for a durable relationship after the war has been fought and ended, and we must have common sense enough to realize now and to realize even more clearly later that only where mutuality of interest can be found can the working-together of the war period be expected to continue effectively.

World's Greatest Publisher Now Is Your Uncle Sam

By HENRY C. NICHOLAS
Central Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The greatest single publisher on earth today is Uncle Sam. Unaffected by the shortage of newsprint and manpower, which has forced many magazines to discontinue publication and newspapers to refuse advertising and reduce the space devoted to news, this worthy old gentleman has found little difficulty in outstripping the civilian publishers of the country.

Few industries of such gigantic size have ever been created and accorded so little publicity. Nobody seems to know just how large a publisher Uncle Sam is today, or just what his plans are for the future. No government agency in Washington appears to know how many magazines are published by Uncle Sam, or the number of editors, writers, reporters and special writers, promoters and advertising solicitors he employs. A conservative estimate would place the number at about 10,000.

Ambition Runs High

About all that is clear is that Uncle Sam has ambitious plans to become a much bigger publisher. During 1943 civilian publishers were forced to reduce their activities because of the shortage of newsprint being allowed only 85 per cent of their 1941 paper consumption generally. During this same period Uncle Sam brought out at least five new periodicals, two weeklies and three monthlies. One of these is a slick-paper magazine published by the Commission of Indian Affairs, known as *Indians at Work*. One of the magazines is still another for South America, which, now makes a total of seven regular publications issued by Uncle Sam dealing with South America in one way or another.

Present government plans provide for another cut in newsprint for civilian publishers, and an increase for Uncle Sam of another four per cent of the total paper production. What this increase means can be judged from the fact that the three huge magazines, *Life*, *Saturday Evening Post* and *Good Housekeeping*, all put together, use only a small fraction of one per cent of the paper supply. Is Uncle Sam getting ready to establish a new world record as a publisher in 1944?

Many Magazines

In a recent rather hurried survey, Larston D. Farrar of the *Writer's Digest*, found that the federal government is now publishing the following:

Fifteen quarterlies;
One hundred and ten monthlies;
Eight bi-monthlies;
Eight weeklies;
Four dailies.

Farrar reported that this list represents only a portion of the periodicals published by Uncle Sam. As there are more than 2,200 government agencies, he said it would be impossible for one man to check all the publications issued by the federal government in less than a year. There is, so far as is known, no single government agency which possesses complete information regarding the publications issued by Uncle Sam.

The bulk of these publications are substantial magazines, ranging in size from *Fortune* to *Reader's Digest*. Not only do they compete with civilian publishers for the limited supply of available paper, but some of them are now beginning to solicit advertisements.

Direct Competition

Victory, the new magazine published by the Office of War Information, now carries advertising, which sells for about \$3,000 a page. The fact that Victory is a magazine designed for foreign circulation has not prevented it from obtaining a good deal of advertising in competition with established civilian publications. The bulk of the advertising in Victory has thus far come from war contractors. Representing much their biggest customer the advertising solicitors of Victory appear to have been quite successful in obtaining advertisements from these contractors busily engaged in government work.

All of this is tough on the civilian publisher. He is getting to where all he has left is profanity. When the editor of the *Palm Beach Post-Times* recently accepted an invitation to appear on the program of the Associated Dailies of Florida to participate in newsprint discussion, he solemnly warned the presiding officer that he didn't know what he could add to the occasion except profanity.

The Only Answer

From the Altoona, Pa., Tribune

Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary have been trying to do what the could to let the Allies know they long for peace, and how about it?

From Turkey, from Algiers and Lisbon come reports from the Balkans indicating the willingness of the Axis satellites to come to terms, but presenting their difficult position with Hitler's gun at their backs as good reason why they can't do anything about it.

These Balkan satellites have had regimes that are far from meeting with Allied approval. And, just to show the three Hitler stooges how the United Nations feel about their peace feelers, the American Air force bombed Bulgaria's capital, Sofia, in the heaviest attack that nation so far has suffered.

The answer from the Allies seems to be, "Unconditional surrender" for the satellites as well as Hitler.

Doughboys Score Great Victory

Defeat Nazi Force In a Tough Battle

By DON WHITEHEAD

SAN PIETRO, Italy, Dec. 18 (AP)—(Delayed) — American doughboys have won one of their bloodiest, bitterest and toughest battles of World War II, on this one hundredth day of the Fifth army's invasion of Italy.

In each of the fighting from the beaches of Salerno to the Garigliano river, none has been so packed with drama and heroism as that of this forty-eight-hour span, nor has any been so costly in American lives as the battle for San Pietro which ended today when we walked through death valley to reach this pile of rubble that once was a town.

Announcement Delayed

The Americans walked into this battered, filthy, stinking little town at the bottom of Mount Samucro to find the enemy had pulled back toward Cassino, giving up a key position.

Although the town fell yesterday, when advance guards entered on the heels of the retreating enemy, its capture was recorded as of today. The name of San Pietro will be remembered in American military history along with such names as Fionduck, Bizerte, Tunis, Gela, Troina, Salerno and Naples. The name of this little village will never be forgotten by the American soldiers who took part in the battle for it.

Neither Tobruk nor Bizerte nor Battipaglia nor Troina were as ripped and torn and pulverized by explosives as this gray, little town overlooking the valley approaches to Cassino. The Americans call it "Death Valley" because death was on the rampage for forty-eight hours as they stormed this enemy fortress ringed by fortifications, dug into the terraced slopes commanding the Liri valley.

Three-Day Battle

The battle began three days ago when the Americans attacked at mid-day behind a heavy artillery barrage. Casualties were heavy and some companies lost all their officers, either killed or wounded.

While one group worked its way slowly along the slopes of the mountain from the east in the face of heavy fire, another attacked from the south out of the valley. Both ran into murderous fire from enemy machine-guns and mortars hidden in the caves.

One company, led by Capt. Charles Beacham, San Antonio, Tex., reached the edge of the town the first drive but had to withdraw in the face of direct fire.

After two company commanders were either killed or wounded, Second Lt. Eben C. Bergman of Clifton, Tex., took over their commands, reorganized the troops and led them back into the fight. He took his men deep into the German lines but had to draw back again when he only seven riflemen left.

Held off in the first assault, the troops prepared for another attack.

Repulse Three Attacks

Three times the Germans attacked on the lower slopes of Samucro and three times they were beaten back. While the fight was raging on the lower slopes, an equally fierce engagement was taking place on the peaks hundreds of feet above where a unit, led by Lt. Rufus Cleghorn, Waco, Texas, had occupied positions a week ago.

"Rufus the Loudmouth" the doughboys call this 220-pound, barrel-chested, former athlete from Baylor University who has been recommended for battlefield promotion.

Cleghorn has a foghorn voice and

LADY GOLFERS: Patriots to a Tee!

By ADELAIDE KERR

AP Features Writer

Lots of brains and energy that used to be spent on golf championships are serving Uncle Sam in the WAVES, WACS, SPARS and Marines.

Look into the New York office of the Women Reserve of the Coast Guard any day and you will find Betty Hicks, the brown-eyed little Californian who annexed the last

championship in 1933, has put in her oar with the SPARS. She is a coxswain now and works long hours as a dispatcher.

You will have to look skyward to find Helen Detweiler. The tall blonde Washingtonian, who took the Western Open cup in 1939 and was one of the most popular tournament golfers, is now in the uniform of the WAFs. Her job is ferrying four motor bombers from factory to flying field.



Helen Detweiler



Patty Berg

silver cup presented to any American woman champion golfer before the war stopped championship play. Betty, who turned pro soon after she became champion in 1941, dropped her work for a sporting goods company five months ago to don the navy blue uniform of the SPARS.

The high school principal's daughter, who practiced eight hours a day for four years to reach her championship goal, now devotes her time to writing stories about the SPARS for newspapers and magazines.

"I'd a lot rather be in the SPARS than in golf," she said as she stopped at my desk a few moments the other day. "I chose the SPARS because it is small. You can come in closer contact with the people you work with and you don't get your feet tangled with the chain of command."

Patty Berg is another famous golfer who has laid aside clubs for the duration. The Minnesota redhead, who scooped up a flock of 1938 championships including the women's western and women's national amateur, turned pro later and recently joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve. She took her boot training at Camp Lejeune, N. C., received her lieutenant's commission several months ago, and is now assigned to recruiting duty in Philadelphia.

Blonde Phyllis Buchanan, who took the Colorado woman's golf championship home five times and annexed the trans-Mississippi cham-

ionship in 1933, has put in her oar with the SPARS. She is a coxswain now and works long hours as a dispatcher.

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The prestige of champion golfer's names add color to the services in which they serve.

"But I think that's the least a champion golfer has to give," says Betty Hicks. "Any sportswoman can contribute to her service the ability she must have taken out of her game to meet the public and to get along with people. Also because she has traveled widely, a sportswoman should have a deeper appreciation of the country we are fighting for and finally she should have the ability to take it."

The plane went out of control during a routine flight. The dead included: Second Lt. Robert C. Gitt—father, Earl M. Gitt, Baltimore. Sgt. James W. Schindell—wife, Doris V. Schindell, Hagerstown, Md.

Sgt. Robert Russell of Baltimore, Md.—mother, Josephine Constable of Connellsville, Pa.

Conservation for military service was first introduced by the Chinese during the "Period of the Warring States," 470-370 B. C.

Eight Men Killed In Bomber Crash

POCATELLO, Idaho, Dec. 20 (AP)—Eight men were killed in a four-engine army bomber crash yesterday, the Pocatello air base public relations officer reported today.

Sgt. Fred J. Schilling, Jr., 123 Haslick Ave., Trenton, N. J., escaped serious injury.

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Sgt. James W. Schindell—wife, Doris V. Schindell, Hagerstown, Md.

Sgt. Robert Russell of Baltimore, Md.—mother, Josephine Constable of Connellsville, Pa.

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London Lassies Walk on Wood

By DOROTHY ROE

AP Fashion Editor

British women have borrowed a tip from the Dutch, and are eking out their slip shoe current with wood-soled shoes. The current issue of the London Harper's Bazaar carries a cover and a two-page spread on wooden-shoe girls, who seem smartly and comfortably shod.

The British, like their American cousins, are strong for sensible walking shoes in these days of locomotion by foot-power with wedges nudging oxfords for first place in popularity.



SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN MAKES are included in their roundup of shoes-of-the-year. The girl at the right wears wood-soled shoes with her grey tweed topcoat from Creed. Above is a wood-soled oxford in wine and blue suede. At left, above, is a wood-soled wedge in suede and leather.

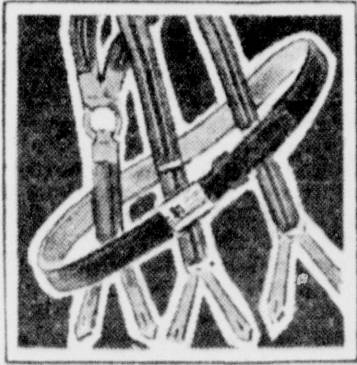
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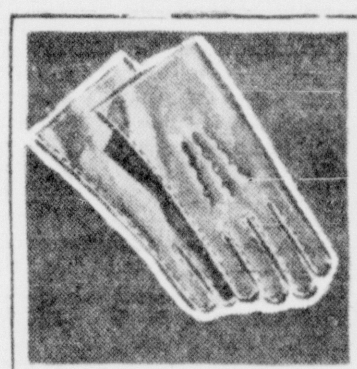
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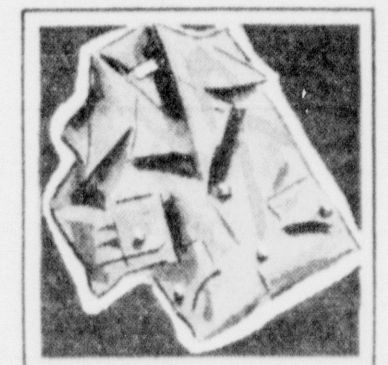
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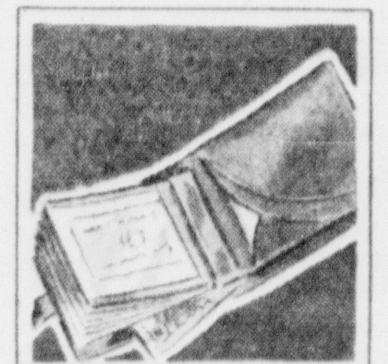
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Liberty Trust Company Will Honor Employees

Christmas Party Will Be Given Wednesday at Ali Ghan Shrine Club

The Christmas party, for the employees of the Liberty Trust Company and its Lonaconing branch will be given by the directors of the company, in the form of a dinner and jingle party at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Ali Ghan Shrine Country Club.

Charles A. Piper will preside. Other hosts are Frank E. Smith, Charles O. Holzhau, Edmund S. Burke, George G. Young, Dr. Thomas W. Koon, Morris Rosenbaum, and Attorney General William C. Walsh.

An original Christmas program will be presented by the employees, following the dinner. The employees include John J. Robinson, George A. Seibert, Thomas L. Keech, Edward M. McNamee, Thomas J. McNamee, William A. Darkey, Walter A. Fraley, Jr., Mrs. Nell Hooton, Mrs. Walter Fraley, Jr., Miss Ruth Paupé, Mrs. Dorothy Jayne Dorn, Mrs. Pearl Walther, Miss Doris See, Mrs. Virginia Read, Mrs. Margaret Wonn, Miss Dorothy Dawson, Miss Adele Waitekinas, Miss Mary Lee Wippenbrenner and Miss Nattie Richards from the Liberty Trust company; and James Park, Benjamin Evans, Floyd Dorst, James McElvie and John R. Hamilton of Lonaconing bank. Miss See, Mrs. Walther and Thomas McNamee comprise the committee of arrangements.

The Christmas motif will be carried out in the table decorations. Jingle gifts will also be exchanged.

Mizpah Bible Class Has Christmas Party

Verses from Scripture referring to Christmas featured the roll call of the Mizpah class of the First Baptist church at the Christmas party held Friday evening at the home

of Mrs. Russell Wentling, Baltimore avenue. The devotion, under the direction of Mrs. Victor Atkey, also pertained to the Nativity.

Special gifts were presented to the president and teacher of the class. Secret sisters were revealed and gifts exchanged. It was also decided to send baskets and cards to the sick at Christmas time. Mrs. Wilma Alderton assisted the hostess in serving refreshments. The holiday theme was carried out in the decorations and table appointments.

GIRL SCOUTS WILL HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Girl Scout Christmas party will be held in the form of a "Song Fete" today at the little house, by the Leaders Association.

A program of Christmas caroling will feature the party for the Brownies which will be held from 2 to 4 o'clock. Mrs. Herbert Platt will be at the piano. Refreshments will be served by the council. There will be a large Christmas tree and the holiday motif will be carried out in the decorations of the refreshment table and the room. Mrs. Milton Beneman is general chairman of arrangements and is being assisted by all the Brownie leaders.

The Intermediate and Senior Scouts will have their party from 7:30 to 9 o'clock this evening. The entertainment, consisting of various games and songs, will be under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Lee Andrews, with members of the Senior Troop No. 14 in charge. Miss Patricia Doerner will be at the piano.

Club Has Party

The Officers Club of Manhattan Temple held its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Anna Robinette, 803 Maryland avenue, Friday evening. Secret sisters were revealed and gifts exchanged.

Mrs. Eva Blake will be hostess for the January meeting at which time the election of officers will be held.

Willing Workers Will Elect New Officers Tonight

The Willing Workers Bible class of the First Methodist church will hold the election of officers and the annual Christmas party at 8 o'clock this evening in Central Y.M.C.A.

Present officers include: Mrs. Ora Nave, acting president; Mrs. Lillian Smith, secretary; Mrs. Carl H. Koerner, treasurer; Mrs. Raymond Hinkle, chairman of the flower committee and Mrs. Howard Perrin, teacher of the class for the past thirty-five years.

Plans will be made for the Christmas basket which the class annually prepares and secret sisters will be revealed and new ones chosen for the ensuing year. The program will include Scripture readings and Caroling.

CENTRE STREET WILL PRESENT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

A "Service of Carols and Candles" will be presented at the Centre Street Methodist church, Christmas eve from 11 to 12 o'clock.

The Rev. Walter Marion Michael, D.D., will give the Christmas meditation; conduct the call to worship with the response by the congregation; lead the Magnificent, responsive reading with the congregation as well as recite a prayer in unison with the congregation.

The program will also include "March of Magi Kings," DuBois, prelude, "O Come All Ye Faithful," processional Christmas Carol; a prophecy, "Mankind, Yearning for the Light," Isaiah, 9:2-7; A Carol, "Joy to the World," by the congregation; the Annunciation, Luke, 1:26-33; "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," by the congregation; the Fulfillment, Luke, 2:1-17; the offertory, "O Holy Night," Buck; an anthem, "There Were Shepherds," the choir; "Silent Night, Holy Night," by the congregation; a prayer of dedication and benediction; closing with "March of the Wise Men," Hoerner.

Club Will Give Dinner Tonight

A dinner party will be held by members of the Child Guidance Club at 6:30 o'clock this evening at the Ali Ghan Shrine Country Club marking its first anniversary in the form of a Christmas party. The husbands of the members will be guests.

An informal entertainment will be presented which will feature the group singing of Christmas carols. Cards and dancing will conclude the evening's entertainment.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples in circuit court here yesterday:

Jack Howard Young, Midland, Pa. and Jean Hodgson, Great Meadows, N. J.

Louis Thomas Varchetto, Elkins, W. Va. and Lucy Del Signore, Midland.

Hetzel Osie Nealis, Cumberland, and Edna Kathryn Davis, Fort Ashby, W. Va.

Harold William McKenzie, Frostburg, and Vivian Elizabeth Flisinger, Eckhart.

Russell Elwood Barnard, Bloomington, and Charlotte Ray, Frederick.

Nelson Raymond McNaughton and Alicia Ann Tillard, Sinking Valley, Pa.

Ruby Earlan Brown and Mary Martha Liller, Laurelsdale, W. Va.

Clifton Jackson Cook and Maxine Cleo Curry, Cumberland.

Alvin Leo Brill and Virginia Mae Hayes, Cumberland.

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Four Social Events Are Planned by Local Elks

Dances on Christmas Night and New Year's Eve Will Be Features

Cumberland Lodge No. 63, B.P.O. Elks will mark the holiday season with four special events. There will be an informal dance Christmas night; a formal dance New Year's eve, and Christmas and New Year toasts.

The annual New Year's eve dance will be held in the ball room, which will be elaborately decorated in the holiday motif under the chairmanship of Murry Cordry. Music beginning at 10 o'clock, will be by Jimmy Andrews and his orchestra of nine pieces with Miss Bettie Roemer as vocalist. Midnight will be marked by a special dance number and novelty favors will be distributed. This dance is for Elks only and reservations must be made with John J. Treiber, Jr., before December 30.

The dance Christmas night will be informal and is for Elks, their friends and men in the armed forces. It will be held in the cocktail lounge, with music by Jimmy Andrews and his orchestra from 9 to 1 o'clock.

Christmas morning at 11 o'clock the customary toast for members who have been taken by death this year, and the men in the armed forces, will be given by past exalted rulers and all Elks of Cumberland lodge.

The same custom will be followed New Year's morning, after which an eggnog party and open house will be held. Informal entertainment will mark the entire day.

Mr. Treiber, Walter Fraley, Jr., Philip Jolley, John Oliver and Joseph Garlitz comprise the committee on arrangements.

Shaft Homemakers Hold Christmas Party

The Shaft Homemakers Club held its Christmas party last week at the home of Mrs. Ralph Patterson. A program of Christmas readings and singing of carols was presented by Mrs. Frank Alexander, Mrs. Dan Chapman and Mrs. Robert Ritchie. Mrs. Oscar Savage, Grahamtown and Mrs. Elizabeth Riegleman were accepted as new members. Club sisters were revealed and gifts exchanged.

Events in Brief

The Young People of the Pinto Menonite church will present a cantata from 11:30 to 12:30 o'clock Friday evening at the church. It is entitled "The King Is Given" and will be under the direction of M. J. Livingood.

The Christmas party and Ladies night of the Engineers Club of Cumberland will be observed with a dinner at 7 o'clock this evening at the Ali Ghan Shrine Country Club. J. C. Whitesel will preside and covers will be laid for forty-five guests. Cards and dancing will feature the entertainment during the evening.

The Girl Scouts Council will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the little house.

Cumberland Chapter, Order of DeMolay will meet at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Masonic temple.

Mrs. Louis Lippold will be hostess for the Ursuline Auxiliary card party at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Alpine club rooms, North Smallwood street.

The Fort Hill A Capella Choir, under the sponsorship of the Baltimore and Ohio Health for Victory Club will present a program of Christmas carols from 8:15 to 9 o'clock this evening at the Queen City station.

The Bedford Road Volunteer Fire Department will meet at 7:30 o'clock this evening at the home of Sheridan Fewell, Bedford road, instead of Thursday evening.

Personals

Miss Mary Ryan Prendergast, student at Georgetown Visitation Convent, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Frank Prendergast, Washington street.

Mrs. Ellhu Joiner, and children, Larchmont, N. Y., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Millholland, 216 Washington street.

Mrs. Joseph Trenton, Frederick street is improving in Memorial hospital, where she was admitted Saturday.

Miss Helen Hardinger is ill at her home, 315 Greene street, with grippe.

Mrs. R. W. Durrett, Williams street, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Reitz, Newport News, Va.

Mrs. Earl Tauber, Fort Wayne, Ind., is visiting Mr. Howard Perrin. Miss Jane Heber has returned to Baltimore after visiting Mrs. Eva M. Blake, 9 North Lee street.

Sgt. Robert C. Blake has returned to Salt Lake City, Utah, after visiting his mother, Mrs. Eva M. Blake. Sgt. Blake was transferred from Ypsilanti, Mich., to Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Stonestreet, parents of Mrs. Charles M. See, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stonestreet, of Mayville, W. Va., spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. See, Maryland avenue.

Trial Magistrate Frank A. Perdue, who underwent an operation several weeks ago at Allegheny hospital, returned to the bench yesterday.

Mrs. H. G. Northcraft, 212 Central avenue, had as her guests over the weekend, her son-in-law and daughter, Lieut. and Mrs. W. F. Vickroy, Monroe, N. C.

Bert Davis returned to his home in Wheeling, W. Va., after attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, Harry E. Kirby. Mr. Davis also visited his sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Rizer, Frostburg.

Corp. Leroy G. Wagner, Camp Hahn, Calif., will arrive Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife, Mrs. Hermine Hast Wagner, Narrows Park.

Mrs. Lester Wilhelm, Chicago, was here for the wedding of her sister, Miss Elizabeth Holzhauer, to Carl M. Hollis at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Saturday.

Seaman First Class John L. Ratke visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Ratke, 420 South street.

Forrest W. Hoffman, motor machinist's mate, second class, is a patient in the Naval National Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., according to information received Sunday from the War department by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hoffman, 109 Eutaw lane.

Charles A. Taylor, Bedford road, an employee of the Times and Alleganian company, who has been ill for some time, entered Memorial hospital, Sunday for treatment.

MISS ROSE RATKE BECOMES BRIDE OF VICTOR J. MORELAND

The marriage of Miss Rose Catherine Ratke and Pte. Victor J. Moreland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Moreland, 217 Race street, has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Ratke, 420 South street, parents of the bride.

The ceremony was performed September 11 at Hyattsville, with the Rev. Edward H. Roach, pastor of St. Jerome Catholic church, officiating. Miss Ruth Ellen Conway, this city was maid of honor and Raymond Korycki served as Pte. Moreland's best man.

Pvt. and Mrs. Moreland are both graduates of St. Mary's high school. The former is stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis., and the latter, who is employed at the Celanese Corporation of America, will reside with her parents for the duration.

The Order of the Golden Fleece, founded by the Duke of Burgundy in 1429, is the oldest order of knighthood in Europe.

Pageant Cantata Will Be Given By Church Group

A pageant cantata, entitled, "Star and Desert Sand," will be presented by the robed choir under the sponsorship of the Ruth Bible class of the Second Baptist church. It will be given at 7:30 o'clock December 26, at the church. In it the difficulties of the Wise Men in reaching the Christ Child will be depicted and it will show how faith is rewarded by reaching the goal.

Mrs. C. Keith Ryan is directing the music and Mrs. Meredith Shryock is directing the pageant. Approximately fourteen members comprise the music group while eighteen will take part in the pageant.

A candlelight service will be under the direction of Miss Anna Belle Stewart, Miss Martha Lee Hunt, Miss Vivian Stewart, Miss Vivian Crews, H. L. Doffenmyer is in charge of properties.

Engagement of Local Girl Is Revealed

The engagement of Miss Margaret E. Trozzo to Nicholas Pompei, son of Mr. and Mrs. Attilio Pompei, Baltimore, has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Trozzo, 116 Harrison street.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Catholic Girls Central high school, class of 1936. Mr. Pompei is employed at the Glenn L. Martin plant in Baltimore.

The ceremony will be solemnized December 27 in St. Patrick's Catholic church with the Rev. Charles A. Bogan officiating.

Marriage Is Announced

The marriage of Miss Wilhelmina H. Yutzy, daughter of C. L. Yutzy, 705 Louisiana avenue, and the late Mrs. Yutzy, to Carl R. Vogel, Hagerstown, son of Mrs. Sarah A. Ferguson, Long Beach, Cal., has been announced.

The ceremony was performed December 10 in the parsonage of the Zion Reformed church, Hagerstown, with the Rev. Scott Wagner, D. D., officiating.

The bride was employed for a number of years in the Lazarus store. Mr. and Mrs. Vogel will be at home to their friends after December 25, at their home, 113 West Washington street, Hagerstown.

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Beth shut her eyes. It was something like that, she thought, and she must say it so that Andrea wouldn't be shocked with her joy.

"Andrea, I have some news. You must prepare yourself to take it calmly. It's overwhelming news—wonderful news."

"Good news is one thing I can always take. It can't be about Dennis. . . I know. You've rented the white elephant" — the white elephant was the smallest room on the top floor—"or could it be . . ."

"It's Jim."

"Jim—and good news?" The hand that held the newspaper shook a little. The rustling paper made a sound that seemed very loud in the room, and when it fell from Andrea's hand it was quiet; nothing at all could be heard.

Beth could not speak.

Andrea's lips barely moved.

"What have you heard?"

"It must be a shock, darling. It was to me. I've been trying to find a way to tell you—"

"That's all right, Beth. I know he's dead. I've been reconciled to that for months."

"He's not dead. He's alive. I talked to him at 10 o'clock."

"Alive?" The word fell from Andrea's lips as the color drained from them.

"The telegram came about 9 o'clock," Beth crossed the room and dropped the telegram into Andrea's slack hand.

Andrea did not pick it up. Her eyes had a glazed look and her face was very still.

"You see what he says. He wanted the news to be broken to you gently. I tried, Andy."

"Where is he," Andrea asked, still not making any move to look at the telegram.

"In a hospital in San Francisco. Don't take it that way, darling. He's alive. He's getting well. He hasn't any terrible wounds. I can tell you all about it now. He was not at Pearl Harbor. He was in Manila. That was why . . . Anyway, he had a brain concussion and this injury, and he didn't know who he was until just recently, and he knew that you'd be able to wait, having waited so long until he could be sure that he was well, that there was no brain involvement. He'll be lame, but . . . but he won't be crippled. You're both fortunate."

"Jim's alive," Andrea said over and over, as if she were trying to convince herself that it was true.

For a long time Beth was silent, knowing what Andrea was feeling, waiting for her to understand.

Then she said, "Read the telegram, Andy. It will gladden your heart to know how thoughtful he"

Andrea pushed the telegram from her and moistened her lips with the tip of her tongue. "I don't want to read it," she said in a pitiful voice.

"Come, darling," Beth's soothing voice was infinitely kind. "I know that you are feeling, but you must try to understand. We have wonderful plans to make. You and Bess"

are going out to California. You can go tomorrow. In less than four days you'll be with Jim, you and the baby."

"No!" The word burst from Andrea and she shrank back into the pillows. "No, Beth, I can't!"

"There, now, Andy, take it calmly. I'm going to get you a bromide and you will awake tomorrow realizing the miracle that's happened. I expected it would be this way tonight, but tomorrow."

"I cannot go," Andrea repeated. She began to cast her eyes wildly about like a woman looking for an escape.

"You don't know what you're saying."

"I do! I do! I don't want to see him!"

"He's your husband, the man you love, your Jim, Andy! Think of all the times you've told me you were meant for each other."

"That's it," Andrea said hoarsely. "That's why I mustn't see him. I've got over it, Beth. I've got away from his spell. Why does this have to happen to me?"

Beth was trying to remember that the shock had unnerved Andrea so that she didn't know what she was saying.

"The finest, luckiest thing in the world has happened to you," she said coldly. "And it's time you began to realize it and thank God."

your husband, and your baby's father, has been given back to you."

"Given back to me," Andrea said feverishly. "Nothing has even been given to me. I've worked and schemed to get everything I've ever had in my life—and what have I had? Bess, yes, my sweet, my adorable, but Bess is mine because I had the courage to have her."

"Because you loved Jim."

Andrea went on as if she hadn't heard her.

"You know what my childhood was. You know how terrible it was for me before Aunt Ellen took me, having no mother and a drunken father. You know how poor Aunt Ellen was, that I had to wear other people's cut-down clothes until I was able to buy my own! You know how I love pretty things, how natural it is for a girl to want security and the things that money can buy. Bess is going to grow up like me, and she's going to have those things! She's got to have, Beth! I'm going to see to it!"

"Bess is going to have her father and mother, who love each other."

"I tell you I'm over it—or I will be as long as I don't see Jim again. I'm going to marry Dennis Archer, and he's going to adopt Bess and give her all the things we never could. You've got to see that, Beth, and help me."

"Never!"

"Never?" Andrea asked in a low

time. "I think you will when I tell you what I now have to tell you."

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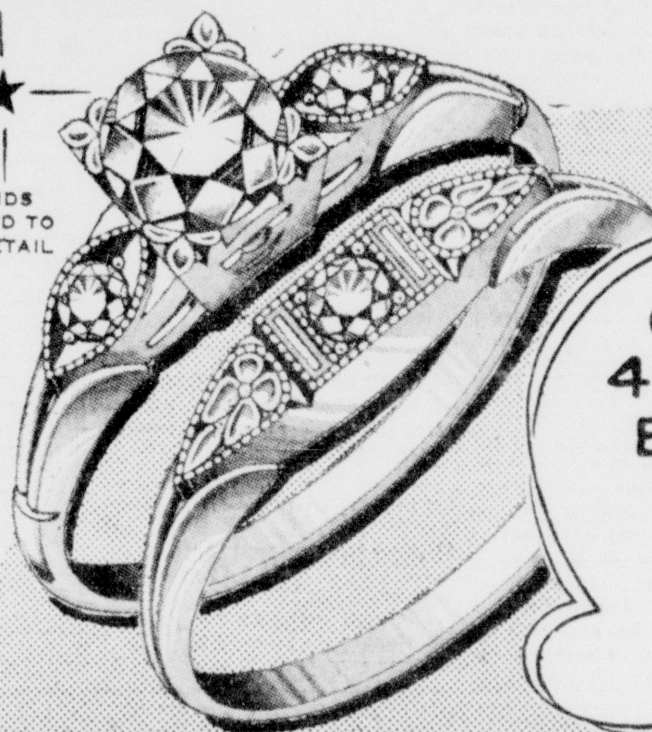
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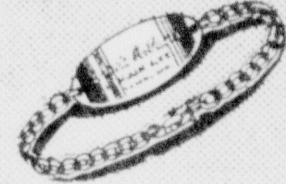
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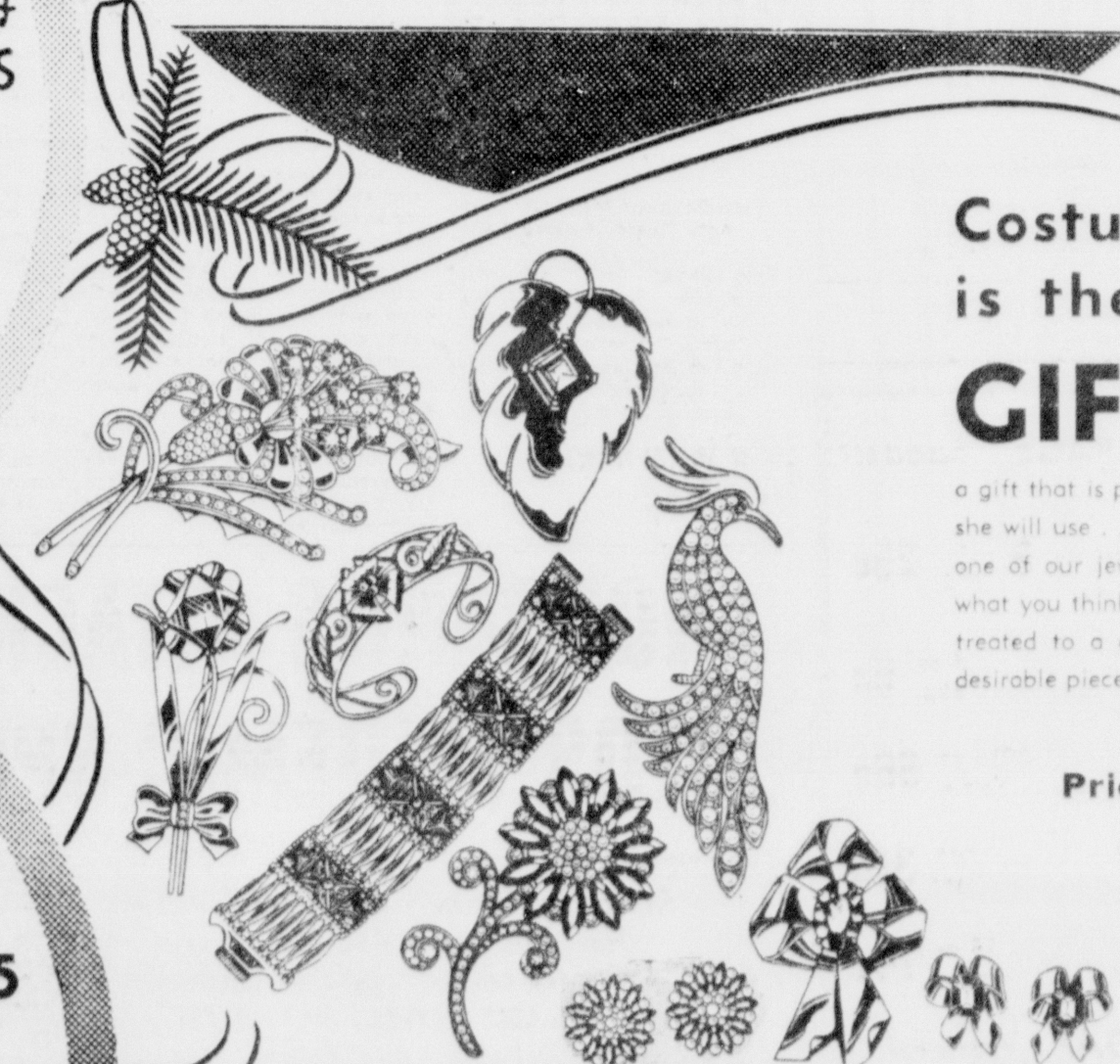


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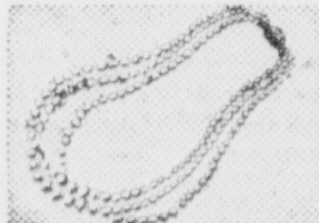
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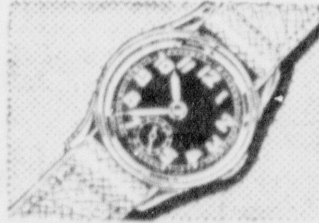
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Japan, Though Badly Crowded, Fails To Achieve Real Colonial Expansion

By GEORGE ROBOZ

Central Press Correspondent

Fascist spokesmen have made much of their countries' need for "lebensraum"—living space. Germany needed more territory in Europe, they said, to sustain her growing population; Japan had to expand territorially or explode in East Asia and, ironically enough, statistically the Fascists presented a pretty good case.

For example, Japan:

With an area of 147,700 square miles, Japan proper has a population of 72,900,000 in contrast to the 3,022,400 square miles and 139,000,000 people of the continental United States.

With an area slightly less than that of California, Japan proper, they said, must support about 12 times California's population. Japan's problem is made even more difficult by the mountainous character of the country. Only 15.8 per cent of the land is arable.

Worse Off than Germany

While the density of population to total area is greater in Germany, density in relation to arable land works out less favorably in Japan, since the percentage of cultivated land in Germany is 43.7 per cent.

Furthermore, Japanese spokesmen pointed out, Japan has the second highest birth rate in the

UNITED STATES VS. JAPAN

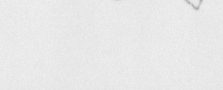
Figures for "Continental U. S." and "Metropolitan Japan" (Japanese Mainland)

*AREA AND POPULATION IN 1939



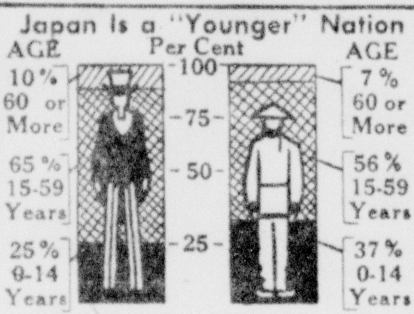
139,900,000 on 3,022,400 Square Miles

43 People Per Square Mile



72,900,000 on 147,700 Square Miles

493 People Per Square Mile



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57% in Urban

43% in Rural Area

In Japan

37% in Urban

63% in Rural Area

world, coming right after the Soviet Union, which is first.

Between 1930 and 1940 the population of Japan proper—the islands of Honshu, Kyushu, Shikoku and Hokkaido and a number of smaller islands scattered along their coasts—increased from 64,450,000 to 72,900,000. Births exceed deaths by over 1,000,000 per year, and every year some 600,000 people come of working age.

By comparison, Japan is a younger nation than the United States. Thirty-seven per cent of Japan's population is 14 years old or less (twenty-five per cent in the United States); fifty-six per cent is between the ages of 15 and 54 (sixty-five per cent in the United States). Only seven per cent of the Japanese fall in the "60 and over" group that claims ten per cent of America's population.

Japan's rural districts are crowded to the saturation point, and every available foot of land is cultivated. There is still room for settlers in the northern part of Hokkaido but

the climate is cold and foggy and few Japanese care to move there.

Hokkaido's present population is only 3,000,000 but not even the most alluring inducements offered by the government could tempt settlers in any sizable numbers before the war.

Birth Control Frowned On

In Japan, as in the other Fascist and totalitarian countries, birth control as a means of limiting the population is frowned upon by the authorities. It also runs counter to the Oriental impulse to have as many male children as possible to insure the continuity of the family line. The middle-class family with five or six children is far more frequent in Japan than in the United States or England.

With a population density of 493 persons per square mile, and a growing birthrate, Japan had to have more territory to sustain her population, Japanese spokesmen said, seeking to justify their wanton aggression against China, the Dutch East Indies and the United States.

Subsequent facts, however, do not bear out their contention:

Japan seized Manchuria from China in 1931 "to gain living space for the Japanese people." In the decade before Pearl Harbor, however, only a handful of Japanese settled in Manchuria. The country is bleak, inhospitable; few Japanese cared to leave their warm islands for a land where the standard of living was lower than even that in Japan.

The Jap military used the "population pressure" pretext to seize Manchuria to pour countless thousands of Japanese soldiers into the strategic country to prepare for the war with China and to menace Russia's Siberian frontier.

And in China, where the Japanese have been fighting a bloody war for the past seven years, there is little "lebensraum" for the Japanese people. With a population of 450,000,000 people, China can offer little "living space" for Japanese settlement and colonization.

Another victim of Japanese ag-

gression, the Dutch East Indies is hardly a place to find "lebensraum." The main East Indian island of Java is the most densely populated spot in the world, has 821 persons to the square mile—almost double Japan's density of population.

Convenient Excuse

"Population pressure" was used as a convenient excuse to cover Japan's aggressive designs. Jap militarists used it as a pretext to seize what they really wanted—strategic positions and raw materials, the minerals of Manchuria, the rubber, oil and tin of the East Indies, the agricultural produce of the Philippines, which they needed to further their plans for world conquest.

Japan's expanding population and growing birth rate is a problem which undoubtedly will have to be considered at the peace table after the war.

It is a problem which can be solved once the menace of Japanese militarism has been removed.

And moreover, it is a problem which is being solved—in part—at the present by American guns and American bayonets.

Miners To Have Christmas Holiday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—

Coal mines under government possession will observe Christmas day as a holiday. Secretary Ickes announced today. Both mine managers and miners, however, were urged to operate as usual on New Year's day.

Charles J. Potter, deputy coal mines administrator, who is Ickes' first lieutenant in coal matters, said in a message to the mine managers:

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Saint Michael's
Church Announces
Christmas PlansSpecial Music Will Feature
Midnight Masses on
Christmas Eve

FROSTBURG, Dec. 20—The Christmas observance will begin in Saint Michael's Catholic church with the celebration of two midnight Masses, Christmas eve. In the church, a High Mass will be celebrated, and a low Mass in the parish hall on First street. Special music will be given at the High Mass by the women's choir, directed by Mrs. Mary Drummond, with Mrs. Mary Drummond at the organ. Special buses will run from Clarysville and Shaft for the convenience of parishioners in those sections, and will make the return trip following the midnight Masses.

Other Masses Christmas day will be at 7, 8 and 9 a. m. The children will attend 9 o'clock Mass and sing a program of Christmas carols. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be given after 9 o'clock Mass. The annual offering for students studying for the holy priesthood at Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, will be received at the Masses.

Confessions will be heard each morning of the week after the Masses. Confessions of children and high school students will be heard Wednesday morning from 10 until 12 noon. Confessions will also be heard Friday afternoon from 3 until 6 and Friday evening from 7 until 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Nellie Wright Dies

Mrs. Nellie Porter Wright, 55, wife of William Douglas Wright, died Monday afternoon at her home in Washington hollow near Eckhart. She was a member of the Eckhart Methodist church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Harry Smith, Frostburg; Mrs. Austin Smith, Mt. Savage, and Betty Lee and Ruth, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Gerome Humbertson and Mrs. Hattie Porter, Eckhart, and a brother, Stanley, Eckhart.

Lieut. Thomas Dies

Mrs. James A. Taylor, Beall Lane, learned word yesterday of the death of her nephew, Lieut. Joseph B. Thomas, Winchester, Va., who was wounded in Italy, presumably in the battle of Salerno. Lieut. Thomas was attached to the Forty-fifth division of the Seventh army, famous as the Thunderbolt division, which led the invasion of Sicily. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas I. Thomas, Winchester, Va., and also a nephew of Mrs. Colborn, city, and Mrs. Clyde Rowe, Westernport.

Will Give Program

A Christmas program will be presented at Mt. Zion Welsh Baptist Memorial church Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock, under direction of Mrs. Joe McLuckie. The performers will be members of the primary department, who will appear in some numbers and recitations and two plays, "The Half Christmas" and "The Grounder and the Ghost." Mrs. Edna Reese will play the piano accompaniment. Gifts will be distributed.

Brief Items

Christmas eve will be observed at St. Evangelical and Reformed church, East Main street, Friday, when the Rev. Edwin Weidner, Mrs. Edna Storm and Mrs. Harry Ott will present their annual "quiet hour with music" program commencing at 7 o'clock. The program will be given in the church auditorium. The public may attend.

A candlelight service will be a feature of the Christmas eve service, Friday evening, 11 o'clock, in St. Paul's Lutheran church. The following numbers will be presented by a choir: "Cantique De Noel," a piano solo, Miss Betty Wilson; "Hymn 'Holy Night,'" from Brahms' cantata, with obligato by Mrs. George Charles and Mrs. Mae Wilson; trio, "He Shall Feed His Flock," from Handel's Messiah, Betty Wilson; Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Wilson; hymn by choir, "Song of the Angel's Song," with soprano solo by Miss Betty Wilson. Miss Wilson will direct the singing and Mrs. Lillian Stewart.

The past chiefs' association of the Temple No. 3, Pythian, will meet Tuesday evening, 8 o'clock, in Junior Order hall, Broadway, for the Christmas party. Covered dish supper will be served.

Frostburg Personals

Corp. Mervin J. Wolford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wolford, Depot street, has been transferred from Camp Edwards, Mass., to 502 Medical Detachment, AAA, Gun Bn., Camp APO 9026, San Francisco, Calif.

John "Peg" Stewart, a member of the Board 4, is quite ill at his home, Water street.

Pvt. William R. Wade, son of Mrs. Frances Wade, Frost avenue, has been transferred from Miami Beach, Fla., to the army air field at Del Rio, Texas.

Pvt. Leo McNeill, Fort Belvoir, Ill., spent the weekend here, the wife of his wife, the former Miss Borden Davis, Borden Shaft.

TAKEN BY DEATH



Lieut. Ralph S. Coffman

KEYSER, Dec. 20—Lieut. Ralph S. Coffman, son of Mrs. Ruth S. Coffman and the late Dr. Harry P. Coffman, was killed November 26 when the P-47 Thunderbolt he was flying collided with another plane over the Gulf of Mexico. The plane he was piloting bore his own name. Lieut. Coffman was given a military funeral in Keyser December 9. He was a graduate of Keyser high school and of Potomac State school, Keyser. At the time of his death he was taking advanced training at Venice, Fla. (Through an error Saturday morning the NEWS used the cut of Lieut. Coffman in connection with the death of a Cumberland soldier killed in last Thursday's train wreck. The NEWS regrets the error.)

Keith Harness Is
Reported Missing
For Second Time

PETERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 20—Survivor of three torpedoings at sea and found to be alive after Pearl Harbor when he was officially reported as missing, Chief Quartermaster Keith Harness is again reported as missing, according to information received from navy authorities by his sister, Mrs. Paul Hammann, Martinsburg.

The missing man is a nephew of Mrs. Volunta Millar, Petersburg, and of former Governor H. G. Kump, Elkins, and former Judge G. K. Kump, Romney, and was lately on duty with an escort vessel reportedly sunk in the Gilbert island campaign, exactly two years to the day after being first officially reported missing following the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor.

Personals

Mrs. J. W. Hogshead and daughters, Misses Suebell and Anna Hogshead, students at Montreat college, Montreat, N. C., arrived yesterday to visit friends here before going to Middleboro, Va., to spend Christmas.

Born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. E. Giles, Franklin, a daughter at Dr. C. E. King's clinic here.

Cadet Richard Thompson and Cadet Grove VanMeter, students at Augusta Military academy, Fort Defiance, Va., arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Thompson and Dr. and Mrs. W. C. VanMeter.

Pvt. Charles Goldizen, Fort Leonardwood, Mo., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Goldizen, Jordan Run.

Misses Mary Ellen Shobe and Mildred Brill, students at Montreat college, Montreat, N. C., arrived yesterday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curry Shobe and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brill.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rinehart, Keyser, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Rinehart, Arthur.

Misses Barbara Babb and Betty Babb, and Miss Mable Clower, students at Potomac State college, Keyser, are spending the holidays here with relatives.

John Groves, who has been ill at his home, is improving.

Cadet Bryan Franklin, Mitchell, student at Randolph Macon Military Academy, Front Royal, Va., will arrive tomorrow to spend the holidays here with his father, B. P. Mitchell.

Taylor Michael
Dies in Keyser

KEYSER, W. Va., Dec. 20—Taylor Michael, 79, died at his home at 372 Davis street Sunday morning. He had been ill only a short time. His parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Michael who lived near Maysville in Grant county, where he was born and where he lived and engaged in farming until 1924 when he moved to Lakeland, Florida. He came to Keyser in 1942.

His widow, Mrs. Clara E. (Kessel) Michael survives also a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Ludwick of Keyser; two sons Orville G. Michael of Cumberland and L. Dwight Michael of Lakeland, Florida; one sister, Miss Fannie Michael of Arthur, W. Va., and three grandchildren.

Biser Baby Dies

Reva Joyce Biser, two-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haven Biser of the fountain section of

Fire Company
Elects Officers

PETERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 20—Merle Mongold was elected president of the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Company, at the regular monthly meeting, and Bill Lewis, vice president, Robert Alexander, secretary, Earl Bush, treasurer, Justin Arnold and David Trenton, chief and assistant chief.

Personals

Miss Annalee Deadrick, student at Madison college, Harrisonburg, Va., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Deadrick.

Chester Hinkle spent the weekend in Franklin visiting relatives.

Mrs. C. H. Park and son spent yesterday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bean Fabius.

Miss Diana Moomau, student at Hood college, Frederick, Md., is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Glenn Moomau.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Ours, are ill at their home here.

Mrs. George Ours has returned from visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Dice and family, Franklin.

Mrs. E. J. Allen is visiting relatives near Romney.

Miss Kathleen Mouser and Miss Julia Millar, students at Shepherd college, Shepherdstown, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mouser and Mrs. E. V. Millar.

George Day has returned from the Memorial hospital, Cumberland, where he underwent an operation.

Mrs. Marion H. Judy is ill at her home.

J. M. Parsons, Maysville, has returned from the memorial hospital, Cumberland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bear, Lahmansville, are visiting Mrs. Bear's relatives in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Koontz spent the weekend in Romney visiting relatives.

Mineral county died in Potomac Valley hospital last night. Besides her parents she is survived by a brother and a sister, Clifton Ray and Margaret Catherine Biser.

Personals

A son was born to Pvt. and Mrs. George H. Terrell in Potomac Valley hospital early today.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Poling in Potomac Valley hospital today.

Mrs. Roosevelt Riggelman of McCoolle underwent an operation in Potomac Valley hospital this morning.

Genevieve, the six month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Welch, of Elk Garden, and Adolph Shipwreck, of Keyser, are patients in Potomac Valley hospital.

Ensign Carl Ludwick, Camp Stewart, Ga., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Ludwick. He is scheduled to return to his post December 28.

Seaman Second Class Arnold Ludwick, Jr., who is in the personnel department of the navy at Lake City, Fla., will return to his post December 26, after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ludwick.

Ensign Joe White, Submarine Base, New London, Conn., is spending some time with his mother, Mrs. Alice White.

Pvt. Nelson Wagoner, Camp Bedford, Virginia, is home for the holidays.

Fred Stewart, who is with the navy at Camp Perry, Va., will spend the holidays with his family here.

Frank Robinson, Jr., who is stationed with the navy in New York is home on a short leave.

J. E. Howell, James street, suffered two broken ribs when he fell on Mineral street Saturday.

Pvt. Robert T. Shugars is home on medical furlough from Camp Huie, Texas. He is recuperating from an extended illness, at his home on Piedmont Road.

Pvt. Charles E. Shimminger, Kessel Field, Miss., has been notified of the critical illness of his grandfather David Biederman at his home in McCoolle.

Pvt. George W. Landis, Jr., Camp Robinson, Ark., has been notified of the critical illness of his father, George W. Landis, at his home in McCoolle. Requests for furloughs for Shimminger and Landis were made.

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Mrs. Roy Keister
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At Parsons, W. Va.Illness of Several Months
Is Fatal; Eight Children
Survive

PARSONS, W. Va., Dec. 20—Mrs. Margaret Alice Keister, 39, of Parsons, died in a local hospital on Saturday evening following a several months illness.

She was born in Parsons on June 8, 1904, the daughter of Mrs. Nettie Heimick Stevens and the late David Stevens.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Keister, of Holly Meadows, eight children, all at home: Marie, 19; Ruby, 17; Blanche, 13; Mary Jane, 10; Jackie, 7; Betty, 5; Frank, 2; and Katherine, 8 months old.

Two brothers, Walter Stevens, Paw Paw and Wilbur Stevens, of Clover District, and one sister, Mrs. Delbert Turner, of Hendricks, and her mother also survives.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at Kempton for Paul David Kerens, four months old, who died in a local hospital on Saturday morning. He was the son of Floyd T. and Beulah White Kerens and is survived by his parents and two brothers, John Earl and Jacob T. Kerens.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday in St. Thomas Catholic church, Thomas, for Christine Quattro, 42, who died at his home in Thomas last Friday evening.

He was born in Italy, May 25, 1901, the son of Pasquel and Philomena Quattro, and came to this country several years ago. He is survived by his widow, the former Mary DiBacco, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore DiBacco, merchant of Thomas, and one son, Eddie, 10, at home and one brother, Thomas Quattro, Meyersdale, Pa.

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Given New Rating

Word has been received in Parsons that Lieut. George B. Donalds has been made battery commander with the United States Army on the West coast.

His oldest son, Charles Herbert Donalds, left Monday for induction as an aviation cadet at Fort Thomas, Ky. He is a member of the graduating class of Parsons high school and enlisted two months ago.

DAR Chapter Meets

Blackwater Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met at the home of Miss Marie Hahn in Hamilton for its annual Christmas luncheon with Mrs. Lloyd Pankhouser, Mrs. Delbert Phillips and Miss Edith Stemple as assisting hostesses.

A Christmas program was presented that included a piano solo by Mrs. J. Harold Felton, "Serenade" by Schubert; Christmas readings "A Colonial Christmas" and "The Musical Stool," by Mrs. L. H. Mott and a vocal solo "The Wonderful Gift," by Miss Edith Stemple.

Mrs. Robert Burns, of Parsons, resigned as historian of the chapter and was replaced by Miss Edith Stemple.

Former Resident Dies

Mrs. Mary White, of Fairmont, who would have been 102 years old on May 19, 1944, died at her home Saturday evening.

She is survived by four grandchildren whom she reared from infancy. They are Dr. Kent Scott, Norfolk, Va., a druggist in Parsons until a few years ago; Dr. Robert Scott, of Huntington; Miss Mary Scott, teacher in the Fairmont schools, and Mrs. Troy Lake, of Fairmont. She also is survived by five great-grandchildren.

Auxiliary Has Party

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company held a turkey dinner and their Christmas party at the Fire house on Douglas avenue. The entertainment committee with Mrs. Agnes Marshall, as chairman, arranged the program. Santa Claus made his appearance to distribute gifts to all the members.

The program included—address by John Eichhorn, president of the company; solo, Harvey Frye; piano solo, by Miss Jean Milford; solo, Mrs. John Turnbull, reading by

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River City Club Meets

Gordon Cade was nominated as president of the River City club at a meeting Friday evening in the Maine Street restaurant in Parsons. Others nominated for officers are Theodore Dorman, vice-president; Frank Little and C. M. Stalnaker, secretary, and Dr. W. E. Whitesides, treasurer.

Robert Lake was made acting secretary to replace the Rev. Robert O. Lucke until the election of officers the third week in January. Robert Shout, member of the club for many years has been made an honorary member for the duration.

Gasoline needs of this country in this war are about eighty times greater than in World War I.

Miss Sara Bean
Becomes Bride of
Charles RaybuckCeremony Is Performed in
Catholic Church at
Hyattsville

LONACONING, Dec. 20—Miss Sara Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Bean, Barton, and Charles B. Raybuck, Chicago and Baltimore, were married Friday evening, December 10, in the rectory of the St. Jerome Roman Catholic church at Hyattsville, Md.

The Rev. Father Rosack, pastor, officiated at the wedding ceremony. The attending were Charles Alba and Mrs. Kay Basim.

The bride was attired in a two-piece blue and white crepe dress with white accessories and wore a corsage of white orchids. The matron-of-honor wore brown costume and a corsage of white gardenias.

A wedding reception was held in the couple's honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alba, Taylor Road, Hyattsville. Guests were Mrs. Mary Potter and daughter, Jane, Mr. and Mrs. David Wells, Mr. and Mrs. James Strong, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Travers, Mr. and Mrs. Don Basim, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and daughter, Mrs. Ruth Centra, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Manning, Paul Young, Miss Katie Young, Gilbert Wagner, Bob Gepe, George Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Raley.

Mr. and Mrs. Raybuck now reside at 5401 Thirty-eighth avenue, Castle Mance Apartment No. 1, Hyattsville.

Church Presents
White Gift Service

A "White Gift" service was given on Sunday evening at the Methodist church. The program was arranged by Miss Daisy Cline, assisted by Miss Margaret H. Sloan and Miss Agnes Lauder.

Part 1 of the service included carol singing, by the congregation; Scripture reading, the Rev. John Edward Stacks; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," by the church choir; "The Star of Bethlehem," Anna Cook; "Silent Night," by the Junior choir; "Bethlehem Innkeeper," Helen Timney; instrumental solo, Felix Foote, Jr.; White Gifts, congregation, Sunday school classes and church groups; candle ceremony (substance, service and self), Arle Morgan, Thomas Staup, Calvin Steele and the Rev. Mr. Stacks.

Part 11—Introduction, cadet prayer, Robert Ralston and Victory Girls; Four Freedoms—Freedom of Worship, Faye Moffatt; Freedom of Speech, Shirley Williams; Freedom from Fear, Jean Gardner; Freedom from Want, Ruth Fazenbaker; "For Those in Peril on the Sea," Junior chorus; benediction, the Rev. Stacks.

Monday evening, December 20, at 3:30 o'clock the Beginners department will hold their Christmas party. Tuesday, the Women's Bible class will hold a covered dish supper at 6 o'clock followed by a party and program. The Junior department will hold its party December 23 at 6:30 o'clock.

Christmas eve, the service will begin at 11 o'clock with a special program with short meditation by the minister, Sunday, December 26, the Rev. W. H. Michel will deliver the morning sermon; in the evening there will be a service of song, "Watch Night" service will begin at 11 p. m. December 31.

Entertain Choir

Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, of Watercliff, entertained the Presbyterian choir and friends with a turkey dinner Thursday evening at their home. The color scheme was green and red in keeping with the Christmas season. The home was beautifully decorated with garlands and Christmas trees.

Brief Items

Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin Thomas received word that their son, Gerald Thomas, has arrived in California from the South Pacific war zone. He will return to Australia following a two-months period. Another son, John I. Thomas, wrote home that he met his cousin, Robert Robertson, in Australia. Both are in the army service.

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Woodmen Groups
Hold Meeting

FRIENDSVILLE, Dec. 20—The Woodmen of the World and the Woodmen Circle held a joint meeting Thursday evening in Murphy's hall. Mrs. Iva Rush arranged the program and Mrs. Lucille Sines led the group singing. Spenser Graham, Oakland, was the toastmaster and Mrs. Henrietta Snyder, Richmond, Va., was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Robert Murphy, Mrs. I. Rush and R. Murphy were in charge of refreshments. Approximately one hundred persons attended.

Brief Items

Mrs. H. P. Glover entertained the bridge club at her home Friday night. Mrs. R. E. Guard won first prize, Miss Jessie Guard second and Miss Margaret Bouton consolation.

At the conclusion of the evening refreshments were served and gifts exchanged.

The Homemakers club held their Christmas party Monday evening in the school auditorium. Mrs. I. Rush was in charge of general arrangements and Miss Helen Miller the recreation program. Mrs. Ernest Friend, Mrs. A. F. Neil, Mrs. Rush and Mrs. Nellie Wheeler served as members of the refreshments committee. Gifts were exchanged.

The Rev. J. Wilson Harner has announced that Grace Lutheran church will have a special Christmas service Dec. 25, 7:30 a. m. St. Johns at the Cove will have a Christmas service Dec. 25, 9 a. m. and Accident, St. Paul's Lutheran will have a Christmas eve service 11 p. m. (Friday). The regular Sunday evening service will be held at Grace, Dec. 26, 7 p. m.

Personals

Miss Geraldine Glenn, Frostburg, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Glenn.

Miss Rhetha Jean Rush, Cumberland, is confined to her home by illness.

Mrs. Ralph Murphy, Cumberland, visited her mother, Mrs. Iva Rush, Saturday.

Staff Sgt. Arnold Dixon, Baltimore, has returned after visiting relatives and friends.

The Rev. R. L. Greynolds, Cumberland, visited here Saturday.

Sgt. Russell Wilkins, Camp Lee, Va., returned Saturday after visiting his wife at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Nickles.

Arnold Fike, Akron, Ohio, has returned after visiting his mother, Mrs. J. R. Fike.

Mrs. Helen Evans and son have returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Guard after visiting at their home in Lonaconing for the past two weeks.

The Friendsville schools will be dismissed Thursday, Dec. 23, for the Christmas holidays and will open Monday, January 3.

Mrs. Agnes Marshall, "Star Spangled Banner," sung by all; address by Mrs. Martha Grindle, president of the Auxiliary.

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Charles J. Lutz
Goes Down with
Plane in BurmaWar Department Notifies
His Wife That He Crashed
Oct. 16

PARSONS, Dec. 20—Mrs. Louise Lutz, Hamilton, received the following letter from the War department Friday. It reads:

"The Adjutant General notified you on November 3rd that your husband, Lieut. Col. Charles J. Lutz, was reported missing in action since October 16th in the Asiatic area.

"Further information has been received to the effect that Col. Lutz was the pilot of an A-36 Invader bomber which departed from India on a bombing mission and stranding mission to Northeastern Burma on October 16th. His plane was last seen at about 4:45 p. m. over Northeastern Burma when it became separated from the other craft by a cloud formation. However, radio contact with his plane was made and although his exact location could not be determined, no indication of distress was received. A search by air was instituted, but the missing craft was not found.

"There were no other persons in the plane with your husband. The above facts constitute all the information available. Your anxiety during this trying period is fully appreciated and you may rest assured that any additional data received will be sent to you immediately.

"Very sincerely,
"JOHN B. COOLEY,
"Colonel A. G. D.,
"Air Adjutant General."

P-T.A. Gives Program

The Parent-Teacher's Association of the Davis schools gave a program in the school Thursday evening with Mrs. Willis Hill, Mrs. Eva Gough and Mrs. Iva Comb in charge.

Guest speaker was the Rev. A. B. Mann, pastor of the Davis Presbyterian church. Miss Ruby White gave a reading accompanied by Ruth and Jean Gough singing carols, with Anna Bogdanovich accompanying on the piano.

A play "The Dark Winds" was given with Eva Gleno as Nurse Bates; Regina Ingram, as Nurse Fleming; Gwendolyn Bonner as Nurse Grayson and Stanley Borkowski, as patient. Robert Tyson played the taps and Mae Popish as the wind. The play was directed by Miss Edith Wilson teacher of Davis school.

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Parochial School Students Present Musical Comedy

Uncle Sam and all members of the armed forces showed how much they can help old Santa in the musical comedy presented by the junior music pupils of St. Peter and Paul parochial school last evening at the church hall.

The production was not only a colorful affair carrying the Christmas spirit, but was well presented to an appreciative audience. Besides the play there were dancing and singing choruses, drills and novelty entertainment.

Ann Russell was narrator for the two selections, "Santa's Toy Shop," and "The Coming of Santa," played by the Symphonies and Tonette classes. There were also selections by the Rhythm band.

The play was interspersed with piano duets, trios and quartets. They were "March of the Wee Folk," Louisia Coffman, Barbara Ann Campbell and Ann Small; "Processional March," Gladys Miltenberger, Joann Wood, Naiky Geatz and Carolyn Ryan; "Jolly Four," Thomas Mullaney, Martin Mullaney, Robert Greise and Frank Blau; "In the Pines," Margaret Billing, Barbara Madden, Rosemary Mullaney and Mary Ellen Miltenberger; "Toy Soldiers," Fred Miltenberger, John Billing, Richard Strock, and Bernad Browning; "Christmas Party," Lois Schriver, Rosemary Hill and David Klosterman; "Santa Claus Guard," Virginia Greise, Diana Clair Wilson and Alice Greise; "In the Arena," Ann Madden, Helen Gilmore and Mary A. Miltenberger.

During the second act the musical selections were "Jingle, Jolly Bells," Nancy Kean, and Colleen Burns; "Ain't Fairies," Margaret Geatz, Dorothy Kelley, Ann Cline and Mary E. Bretz; "Lazy Mary," Margaret Spioch, Barbara Fisher, Elizabeth Russell and Virginia Mitchell; "Turkey in the Straw," Kathryn Hamersmith and Maxine Barnard; "Le Carillon," Carol Borden, Bada M. Widenbrenner and Doris O'Rourke; "Jack Frost," Joann Shomo, and Eleanor Coulehan; and "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers," James Burns and Theodore Rowan.

The same program will be repeated at 8 o'clock this evening.

Winter Months Ahead Will Be Worst in War, Says Eastman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The winter months ahead will be the "worst we've had in the war, and the worst there will be" for rail, bus and truck transportation, Director Joseph B. Eastman of the Office of Defense Transportation declared today.

The prediction, made as 250,000 operating railroad men threatened a strike Dec. 26, was based by Eastman on a rising schedule of munitions movements, coupled with bad weather.

He told a press conference that passenger travel by rail, including troop movements, would increase about fifteen per cent in 1944 over this year, and freight traffic will go up three per cent. Petroleum, transport difficulties, temporarily overcome by pipelines and tank-car diversions, "are again on the increase," he reported.

ODT hopes to avoid rationing of rail and bus travel and freight space, he said, adding that the handling of travel priorities would "cause such demoralization that the cure probably would be worse than the disease."

"We won't adopt it except as a last resort," he said.

Gen. Franco Frees Political Prisoners

MADRID, Dec. 20 (AP)—Gen. Francisco Franco, in a Christmas gesture in favor of national unity, decreed today the conditional release of all Republican jailed under the law of military rebellion, and also freed priests, soldiers and Falangists imprisoned by his regime for political purposes.

Under terms of the decree, published in the official bulletin after last night's cabinet decision, the prisoners' liberation will be made conditional upon reports of their good conduct, but it was learned that the greater part of 34,000 still said to be held exclusively on charges of military rebellion would be released.

The decree did not concern political prisoners held on criminal grounds.

Churchill Shows Marked Improvement

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, showing marked improvement for the fourth straight day since the announcement that he had been stricken with pneumonia in the Middle East, was reported in today's bulletin to be "making satisfactory progress."

The bulletin, issued from No. 10 Downing Street, disclosed that the 69-year-old statesman's temperature has been normal for forty-eight hours.

Light Sentence Given Youth in Deaths of Three To Be Probed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Attorney General James H. Duff said tonight the commonwealth will investigate the trial of William A. Morell, 20-year-old farmhand who was indicted on three murder counts, convicted of voluntary manslaughter on one of them yesterday and acquitted on the other two.

"It is a very unusual situation," Duff told reporters, "three people being killed and only a manslaughter verdict. I am going to investigate to find out what it is all about."

Duff said the inquiry will be made "through the agencies of the commonwealth."

Morell was found guilty of manslaughter in the death by strangling of Mrs. Helen Wilson, 48, but was acquitted of murder charges in the deaths of two other persons on a Western Pennsylvania farm last Oct. 7.

Patge George H. Rowley indicated earlier at Mercer, Pa., that Morell probably would not be sentenced until Monday.

Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., is the largest marine corps training base.

Rankin and Sabath Clash over Bill For Soldier Voting

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—A hot verbal clash involving Democratic leader McCormack of Massachusetts and Representative Sabath (D-Ill.) and Rankin (D-Miss.) enlivened an otherwise dull session today as the House moved toward final adjournment tomorrow.

Rankin and Sabath clashed over pending legislation to give soldiers the right to vote, and McCormack, acting as speaker, was drawn into the row when he ruled them both in violation of the house rules.

An appeal from McCormack's ruling was taken by Rankin, but the House overwhelmingly upheld the speaker pro-tem on a voice vote.

Sabath had accused Rankin of "trying" to prevent soldiers from voting, and Rankin retorted that the remarks were "false and slanderous."

Ruling both men out of order, McCormack held that Sabath's remarks came "close to the line" and that Rankin's "clearly transgressed the rules."

Order finally was restored when McCormack put the appeal to a vote and was sustained, but another flare-up several minutes later brought about adjournment.

It came about when Rankin requested five minutes for Rep. Thompson (D-Tex.) to make a speech on mustering-out pay legislation and Representative Murray (D-Tenn.) forced a quorum call.

McCormack found no quorum present and on motion of Representative Ramspeck (D-Ga.) the House adjourned.

Nimitz Reports

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mid-Pacific islands. But his communications yesterday and today made it clear that the Japanese were becoming more alert to American attacks.

Saturday morning Japanese fighters were caught completely by surprise and six Zeros were destroyed on the ground. None of them got into the air. When the bombers returned in the afternoon, four Zeros were over Midway to meet them. Four Japanese were shot down and one American bomber was damaged.

Sunday morning eight Zeros attacked the Seventh air force formation. One of these was shot down, two more Zeros and medium bomber were destroyed on the ground. It was in this air engagement that the two American bombers were lost.

Only one Japanese fighter had the nerve to tangle with the bombers when they appeared again Sunday noon and dropped thirty tons of bombs on the strong Japanese installations. The Zero damaged one American bomber.

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Military Conferences Discussing Plans for the Invasion of Germany

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—By every sign a series of interallied military conferences was in preparation tonight concurrent with a silence which fell on the question of who would be the commander-in-chief when the western front is thrown into action.

Censorship permitted the disclosure that Admiral Harold R. Stark, American navy commander for this theater, had returned to Washington—obviously for invasion discussions—and there was reason to expect new and significant talks among Russian, British and American officers to be connected with meetings to go on in Washington.

But there was nothing to suggest here that the grand action may be expected for some months and there was much to suggest the reverse.

Reports from the United States that the American chief of staff, Gen. George C. Marshall, would not assume command of the Allied invasion forces got a reaction among American officers here which was totally uniform—an air of complete lack of information so strong as to suggest it was genuine in every sense.

The same was true regarding all discussions as to whether Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, deputy commander under Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in the Mediterranean, might be the supreme commander of the invasion.

The question of "who?" was one of the best kept secrets of the war. One informant thought perhaps Prime Minister Churchill's illness had delayed announcement of the identity of the supreme commander. Eisenhower is being mentioned as a possibility for the job but some persons regarded such a move as impossible since to remove him from the Mediterranean theater would mean to change in midstream one of the most complicated military-political commands of the war.

Western Electric Company Strike Nearing Climax

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 (AP)—The strike of thousands of hour-rate workers at Western Electric company's five Baltimore plants, which resulted yesterday in army seizure of the concerns, appeared to be nearing a climax late today.

Hundreds of the strikers met with leaders of the Point Breeze Employees' Association and heard Lt. Col. Paul M. Rebert, a military legal advisor, urge them to return to work. Company officials said earlier that the matter was now outside their province.

"Let's get back to work and get this production out. Let's get the job done. That's the request of the army," he said.

The strike was called last Monday at midnight by the Point Breeze Employees' Association.

Earlier today the army representatives, headed by Brig. Gen. A. A. Farmer, Philadelphia signal corps depot commander, held lengthy conferences with management and union officials.

The one result of the conference so far reported was that both the company and the union had agreed to resume work. The settlement of strike issues, the major one of which was the union request for separate sanitary facilities for whites and negroes, was not commented upon.

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Zivic Takes Beating From Ralph Zanelli

BOSTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Surprising Ralph Zanelli, 148½, of Providence, upset Fritz Zivic, 152, of Pittsburgh, tonight at Boston Garden, giving the former world welterweight champion a thorough going-over in the 10-round main bout at Boston Garden before a crowd of 9,463.

Zanelli uncovered a stiff left jab, a punch which he seldom had demonstrated during his lengthy career, and bothered Zivic throughout the fight with this unexpected weapon.

The action was so tense in the late stages that both boys kept swinging lustily after the final bell and their handlers were forced to wrestle them apart to avert a disturbance around the ring.

Zanelli was given the unanimous verdict of the officials and his game battle in the last two frames, despite a badly cut eye, indicated that he had the upset decision clinched even before Referee Johnny Martin named him the winner.

Oyster Fisherman Freezes to Death

RIVER SPRINGS, Md., Dec. 20 (AP)—Dr. F. F. Greenwell, St. Mary's county medical examiner, reported today that Harman Francis Owens, 47-year-old River Springs oyster fisherman, was found frozen to death today in the water beneath his fishing dock.

Dr. Greenwell said he established cause of death through a post mortem examination which disclosed that no water had entered Owens' lungs.

The dead man was found standing erect in waist deep water clutching a pile, and Dr. Greenwell said it was believed he had fallen into the water when he attempted to step into his boat and that he had been unable to attract help.

Capt. Rickenbacker Sees Victory Next Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Capt. Edward V. Rickenbacker, in his annual Christmas greetings to his many personal friends, today predicted victory over the Germans in 1944.

"America has produced a generation of fighting men unequalled in our history—men whose deeds, in my opinion, make possible a total victory over the cruel and heartless enemy in Europe during the year of 1944," he wrote.

Rickenbacker, who as a personal representative of Secretary of War Stimson has visited every front on which American forces are to be found, urged persons who are at their firesides this yuletide to keep in mind those who are "fighting, bleeding and dying for the comforts and securities we are enjoying."

London Has Alert

LONDON, Tuesday, Dec. 21 (AP)—London had a half hour alert today for the third night in succession.

Gunfire was heard during the period and a small number of planes were seen flying in from the south.

According to Chinese legend, there were nine suns until Hou Th, a famous archer, shot and killed all but one.

Spanish America first revolted against the Spanish crown but against Napoleon, who had taken over Spain.

Christmas Party Held by W.M.S.

GRANTSVILLE, Dec. 21 — The Women's Missionary Society of the Lutheran church held its Christmas party Thursday night at the church with a program appropriate to the season. Secret sisters were revealed and gifts exchanged. An electric coffee serving set was presented to the Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Sigler.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Barbara Younkin. Mrs. Emerson Sebolt will be the leader.

Mrs. Helen Hendershot and children, of Hancock, visited her father, Albert Swauger, and sister, Mrs. Harold Miller.

G. W. Diefenbach, Baltimore, spent Sunday here with his wife, Evelyn Spiker spent the weekend with her mother at Salisbury, Pa.

Mrs. Adam Snyder, of Trenton, N. J., is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ada Snyder.

Mrs. Michael Powers, Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Getty.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Camp and children, of Baltimore, have returned home after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Camp, here.

Harley McKenzie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley McKenzie, is at Baltimore, United States Navy Training Station.

James Willson, Jr., has returned to Camp Perry, Va., after spending a short furlough here, with his father at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Broadwater.

Gideon Gnagay, formerly of Grantsville, is residing with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sausman of LaVale, and is recovering from a serious illness.

Soldier Killed, Two Others Wounded by Shell Explosion

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky., Dec. 20 (AP)—One soldier was killed and two others wounded here today when a mortar shell exploded on the camp reservation.

Pfc. Herbert W. Grant, 20, Staunton, Va., was killed.

Pfc. William H. Leigh, Jr., 21, Raleigh, N. C., and Pfc. Ray P. St. Jean, 29, Springfield, Mass., were wounded.

Maj. Gen. W. S. Paul, commanding officer of the Twenty-sixth infantry division, said an investigation was started.

Paw Paw Downs Wardsville 33 to 20

In their second victory of the season over West Virginia schools, Paw Paw, W. Va., high hoopers defeated Wardsville, W. Va., high quintet 33 to 20 at Wardsville last night.

Robertson, Paw Paw forward, led the scoring with six field goals and three out of four fouls, for a total of fifteen points. Clark was second with six field goals. Garrett, Wardsville guard, was high scorer for the losers with three field goals and one foul marker.

Wardsville led 5-0 at the end of the opening period, but fell behind at the half when Paw Paw snatched the lead by a 12-10 margin. The visitors also led at the end of the third quarter by 21 to 13.

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Creswell Gets Five Years for Stabbing Of Common Law Wife

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 (AP)—Clarence Creswell, 38, of Baltimore, was sentenced today by Criminal Court Judge Eugene O'Dunne to five years in the penitentiary for the fatal stabbing of his common law wife.

Creswell was convicted of second degree murder early in November by Judge O'Dunne. However, he maintained he was innocent of the killing last August.

Mrs. Bertha Kroth, who was known as Mrs. Betty Creswell, was stabbed three times. Her death at first appeared to be due to natural causes since the cuts were inflicted with visible wounds. The case was referred to medical examiners

because the woman had no medical attention before she died.

Creswell, in a letter to the judge stated that he knew nothing of the wounds. Judge O'Dunne pointed out that testimony in the case gave no indication that anyone had entered the apartment except Creswell and the woman, declaring that he must conclude the wounds were inflicted by the only other person in the apartment.

John E. Eckel Dies In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (AP)—John E. Eckel, 85, attorney, authority on the works of Charles Dickens and former newspaperman, died at his home today.

Born in New York, he was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1883

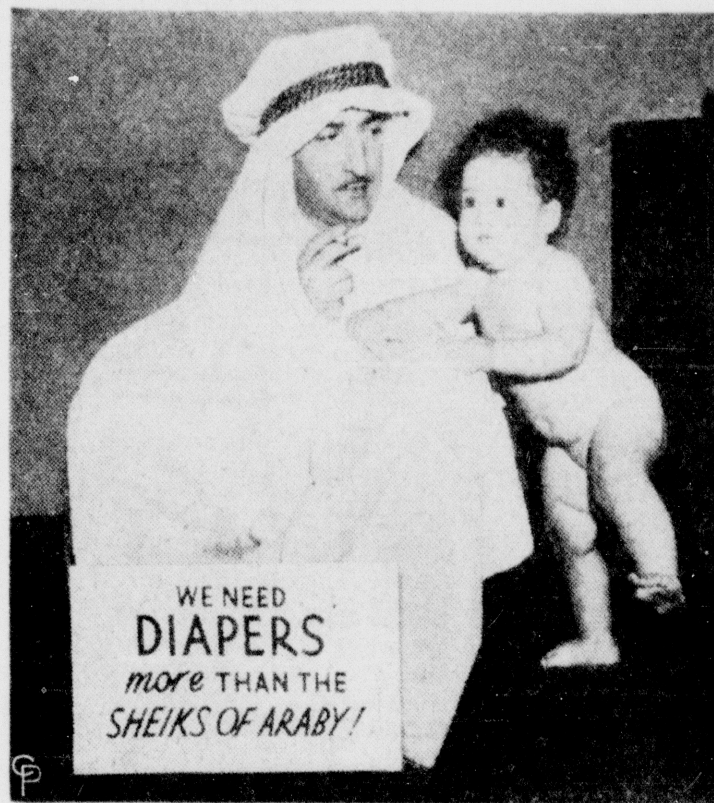
while a staff member of the Chicago Inter-Ocean. He worked on St. Louis and New York newspapers before coming here as assistant night editor of the old North American.

Grippe Causes Hospital To Bar All Visitors

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 20 (AP)—Visitors to the Annapolis emergency hospital will not be admitted until the current grippe epidemic in the state capital is over, Hospital Superintendent Miss Mabel Merrick announced today.

Miss Merrick said one surgical case had already contracted the disease from an outsider and six or seven nurses have been forced to leave their duties to recover from slight colds.

SOLUTION TO A VITAL PROBLEM



THE DIAPER SHORTAGE, according to Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, is caused by the shipment of hundreds of thousands of yards of cloth to the sheiks in North Africa. Little Adrienne Kusch, 11-months-old, shows in New York how she feels about the shortage by trying to tear off the wrap-around worn by Gasparino Ricca.

Pro-Nazi Group Seizes Control In Bolivia Coup

By JULIO VALDEZ

LA PAX, BOLIVIA, Dec. 20 (AP)—A Nationalist revolutionary movement, led by a slight bespectacled sociologist and described by its enemies as militantly anti-United States, today overthrew the government of Gen. Enrique Penaranda in a swift pre-dawn coup which resulted in some bloodshed in the course of a four-hour battle.

Victor Paz Estenssoro, leader of the coup, installed himself in the presidential palace where Major Gualberto Villarroel took over the reins of government as chief of the revolutionary junta.

Dispatches from Buenos Aires said the Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario—MNR—has often been accused of affiliation with Germanic elements in land-locked Bolivia, the strategic center of South America. One of its chief programs is "geographic reconstruction"—a phrase meaning an aggressive demand for an outlet to the sea, possibly at the expense of Chile or Peru.

Once Supported Nazis

Paz Estenssoro was arrested in connection with a Nazi Putsch in 1941, but was soon released because of his immunity as a deputy in Parliament.

Dispatches from Santiago, Chile, said the extreme nationalism of Paz Estenssoro's movement could hardly fail to affect the war production of tin, upon which Britain and the United States are largely dependent.

Almost at once the chief of the revolutionists, Paz Estenssoro, told an interviewer the new government would realize a policy of "full co-operation" with the United Nations and would fulfill Bolivia's international obligations.

The legislature affirmed on Dec. 4 an executive decree of last April declaring war on Germany, Italy and Japan.

"The Atlantic charter and other obligations of Bolivia will be respected and maintained," he said. "The new government in no case will alter the international situation at the side of the United Nations."

Seize Control of Capital

The revolutionary movement obtained control of the capital this morning when the Calama regiment of federal police ceased resistance after a brisk fight with rifles and machineguns.

Radio announcements said a number of persons were killed and wounded.

President Penaranda, a military hero of the Chaco war with Paraguay of 1933-36, was a prisoner in his residence. The revolutionists said he had resigned.

Some of the chief members of his government were being held in La Paz jail.

Foreign minister Salinas Aramayo did not figure in the list of those detained, and it was believed he had taken refuge in a foreign embassy.

Crowds of cheering people streamed through the streets shouting "death to Zilveti," the minister of government and author of security decrees which the revolutionists said suppressed popular liberties.

A national holiday was declared.

McNutt Seeking Control of Plans To Help Veterans

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Paul V. McNutt staked a claim today to the many-sided job of absorbing millions of soldiers and sailors back into civilian life.

He did it by announcing a demobilization program based on the 1,500 local offices of the United States Employment Service, a part of the War Manpower Commission which he heads.

The manpower phase of the nation's conversion to peacetime is a job in which at least fourteen government agencies have an interest. There has been speculation over who would co-ordinate it.

McNutt, who yesterday termed "nonsense" reports he might resign as manpower chairman because President Roosevelt signed a bill depriving him of direct supervision over selective service, acted today like anything but an official on his way out.

He jumped squarely into the demobilization saddle and disclosed detailed plans for:

McNutt's Latest Plans

1. Placing veterans in jobs. About 100,000 persons now are leaving the armed services every month. WMC officials said, placing them now is "simple." McNutt said in a statement, therefore, the program during wartime will be designed to gain experience for the huge assignment when peace comes.

2. Counseling veterans in all their problems. McNutt said the employment service office in each community would serve as a single place where the veteran can go to get all the answers and services to which he is entitled.

3. Co-ordinating government activities. McNutt told a press conference he anticipates no jurisdictional struggle in handling demobilization.

Two non-McNutt agencies which have a heavy stake in handling veterans are the Veterans Administration and Selective Service.

McNutt emphasized that "we have always worked very closely" with the Veterans Administration, which handles pensions and operates hospitals.

No Conflict Evident He said the only demobilization

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WITH DIMOUTS RELAXED, Christmas is moving out of doors again in Los Angeles so pretty Mitzi Uehlein is trimming her tree early in preparation for a visit from Santa Claus. Her attire, fortunately, is in keeping with the weather in Southern California.

TIGERS' EMBLEM



MAJ. GEN. CLAIRE CHENNAULT, Fourteenth air force, proudly displays the new emblem of his fliers, now officially named The Flying Tigers. This was the nickname of his pioneer AVG fighters who made air history in China. The emblem shows a winged tiger, a blue field, a star. Air force photo.

function which Congress delegated to selective service is returning servicemen to their old jobs, if they want them. McNutt said his program does not conflict with that function.

McNutt, as manpower chairman and federal security administrator, controls the employment service, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security Board, Office of Education and Office of Community War Services.

McNutt's experimental demobilization program will begin in January at six local offices of employment service, in New Haven, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Ft. Worth, St. Louis, and Los Angeles.

The existence of Cro-Magnon man was discovered in 1868 when four skeletons were found in Dordogne, France.

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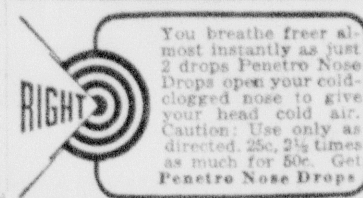
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Mae West Comes Up To See Stardom

Publisher-Editor Horace Greeley stands solemn and dignified atop his pedestal in New York's Greeley Square, and, pointing a finger toward Sak's Thirty-fourth street store, is quoted as saying "Go West."

Now, in his day, Publisher Greeley was referring to the frontier states of Illinois and Nebraska and Iowa, as historians have told us. But his admonition has taken on a new meaning for us moderns. "Go West, Young Man" is a state of mind for world film audiences, a reference to the mass-following of screen star Mae West.

America, and the rest of the world for that matter, has been "going West" for years, ever since the time the actress first strode upon the boards of Broadway's stages and breezed her way across the footlights into the memories and minds of an ever-increasing audience. Mae, briefly has been a sensation of stage, screen and radio, in more ways than one. And it takes Mae West herself to give you the correct reading for that "in more ways than one," with all the dialectical and vocal nuances for which she has become so famous.

Mae West returns to the screen in Columbia's "The Heats On" at the Maryland theater.

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PULCHRITUDINOUS MAE WEST turns her sizzling personality on Milquetoast Victor Moore, the lemon-squash drinker of "The Heat's On," Columbia's fast new musical film opening Thursday at the Maryland theater. William Gaxton completes the trio of stars featured in his new picture.

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Patty Berg Tosses Aside Crutches And Gains Athlete-of-Year Honors

Golf Star Becomes Second Woman To Win Title Twice in Poll's 13 Years

By HAROLD CLAASSEN

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Patty Berg tossed aside her crutches this summer and marched off with the woman's athlete-of-the-year designation in the Associated Press's annual poll.

Miss Berg, who suffered a fractured left knee cap and a lacerated jaw in an automobile crash near Corsicana, Tex., in December of 1941, returned to the golf fairways for the first time in June of this year and regained the women's Western open championship.

Her one up victory over Dot Kirby in the pressure-filled sub-par final round so engrossed the sports editors of the country that thirty of the fifty-two voting in the poll listed her as the year's number one woman athlete.

On the basis of three points for each first place vote, two for second and one for third, Miss Berg collected 118 points.

Pauline Betz, who retained her national tennis title in the matches at Forest Hills in September, finished second with seventy-six points while Swimmer Gloria Callen, winner of the top honor a year ago, skidded to third with twenty-eight.

It is the second appearance for Miss Berg, now a lieutenant in the marine corps reserve, at the head of the list. She gained the honor the first time in 1939 when as an amateur she annexed the Miami-Biltmore title for the third straight time, the South Atlantic crown, the

trans-Mississippi, Western and the National championships.

Her return to the throne makes her only the second woman to have won the title twice in the poll's thirteen years. Alice Marble, queen of the tennis courts, headed the parade in 1939 and 1940.

Miss Berg, whose home is in Minneapolis, is the first, however, to win the crown a second time after a lapse of several years from her original appearance.

Many Sports Represented

While competition for women is relatively limited, golf, tennis and swimming all were represented among the first best vote-getters with track, ice-skating, bowling and riding placing their stalwarts among the also-rans.

The leading women athletes of 1943 with the sports in which they starred: (first place votes in parentheses)

Athlete, Sport	Pts.
Patty Berg, Golf (30)	118
Pauline Betz, Tennis (11)	76
Gloria Callen, Swimming (4)	28
Ann Curtis, Swimming (4)	21
Suzanne Zimmerman, Swimming (3)	17

Also runs: Babe Didrikson (1) 8; Dorothy Germain (2) 7; Louise Brough 7; Mary Winslow 4; Marjorie Gestring 3; Stella Walsh 3; Judy Johnson 2; Joan Fogle 2; Jane Dillard 2.

Reorganization Of Rocking Chair Loop Completed

League Divided into Two Divisions; Diehl Elected President

Reorganization of the Rocking Chair Basketball League for the 1943-44 season was virtually completed at a meeting of representatives of seven clubs last night at the K. of C. home.

It was decided to again divide the loop into two divisions—Lame Duck in which there will be no minimum age requirement for players and Popline.

The Lame Duck group will be composed of Shober's Big Five and the Celanese Spinners, two teams which were not represented at last week's initial meeting. The Celanese Chemists, P. O. Eagles, Tri-Towns Merchants and probably the State Guards, who were not represented at last night's conference.

The Popline division includes the C. and A. Gassers, Knights of Columbus and B. P. O. Elks and the loop hopes to land a fourth club, probably the Moose, before January 9 when the season is scheduled to get under way.

The deadline for filing player rosters for opening battles in January 3 when another meeting of the circuit will be held at the K. of C. home. Entry fees will be due at that time.

It was agreed to play ten-minute quarters with no time out for fouls or wild pitches. Sunday contests will be staged on the SS Peter and Paul school court and there's a possibility that games may also be played two nights a week.

Eddie Diehl, who played with the American Railway Express quint last year, was elected president, succeeding John J. "Bobby" Cavanaugh. Other officers are Grace Lee, vice president, and Ralph Twigg, secretary and treasurer, succeeding Paul Nose, now in the service.

CHAMPIONS OF 1943

Boxing
Flyweight—Jackie Patterson, England (NBA).
Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz.
Featherweight—Phil Terranova (NBA).
Lightweight—Sammy Angott (NBA).
Heavyweight—Freddie Cochrane.

Welterweight—Tony Zale.
Light heavyweight—Gus Lesnevich.
Heavyweight—Joe Louis.

A.A.U.
112-pounds—Tony Peppi, Boston.
118 — Pvt. Earl O'Neill, Ft. Sill.

Oklahoma
126—Jackie Floyd, Philadelphia.
135—Charles Hunter, Cleveland.
147—Charles Cooper, Washington.
160—Sampton Powell, Cleveland.
175—Bob Foxworthy, St. Louis.

Heavyweight—Walter Moore, Chicago.

COLLEGE
N.C.A.A.—Wisconsin U.
Eastern Intercollegiate—Syracuse.

Cross-Country
National A.A.U.—William Hulse, New York A.C.
I.C.A.—Don Burnham, Dartmouth.
Purdue Team—Purdue.

Southwest—Jerry Thompson, Texas.
Team—Texas.

Football
Eastern (best record)—Navy (8-1).
Big Ten Conference—Purdue and Michigan, co-champs.

Big Six—Oklahoma.
Southern—Texas.

Southeastern—Georgia Tech.
Missouri Valley (best record)—Tulsa (6-0-1).

Mountain States—(best record) Colorado College (7-0).
Pacific Coast—Northern division; Washington; Southern: Southern California.

Retained title.

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Loss of Keller, Gordon Would Hit Yanks Hard

Barrow Says Club Might Win "If They Don't Take Our Pitchers"

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—"Well, if they don't take our pitchers we still might win."

It was Ed Barrow, the solid rock of the New York Yankees, speaking. He was commenting on the possible loss of Keller, Gordon and Keller might be termed the fright-wisdom of the Yankees. That is, they are the two who throw the scare into the opposition every time they step to the plate.

Barrow was back in his office for the day for the first time since he was felled by illness during the World Series. He looked a little peaked, but his handclasp was that of a circus strong man, and his rock-hewn features, augmented by the freckles in his eyes, had lost none of their silent eloquence. He's the boss, and he doesn't have to open his mouth to prove it.

He had just received a telegram from Gordon, his star second baseman, in which Gordon said he would not be available for the 1944 season as he expected to be in the armed service before spring training.

Keller in Defense Work
Gordon had written Barrow a couple of weeks before to say that he had heard the Oregon selective service authorities would be taking from thirty to fifty per cent of the young fathers after Jan. 1.

Inasmuch as Joe previously had been quoted as saying he was retiring from baseball, and then denied the story, Barrow is somewhat skeptical of the present situation.

"Before I take him seriously," Barrow said, "I am going to have Bill Essick our scout out there, talk to him to find out what is what. We'd hate to lose Gordon, of course, but our policy is never to interfere in any way with a player's plans concerning the service."

Keller is in defense work and, by chance, he is frozen in his job, and Gordon goes through with his plan to enlist, or is drafted, it would make a big hole in the Yankee lineup, although Barrow's statement concerning the pitchers gives an idea of what really won the pennant and the World Series for the club.

Should Gordon not be back, it would mean that the always underrated Frankie Crosetti would be due for a full year at shortstop, with George Stinewiss at second base. Stinewiss, incidentally, has been the object of covetous glances by other managers, but Barrow says he is going to hang on to him.

Dickey Goes On and On
Nick Eiten and Bill Johnson would complete the infield, and although Gordon's flashy plays would be missed the lineup still would compare favorably with any in the league. Given the pitching the club got the past season, the infield should be at least adequate, to lapse into the vernacular of a drama critic.

And there is always Bill Dickey. And we mean always. The tall Arkansasian seems to go on endlessly. He just completed one of his best seasons to date. We say to date, because he might come up with a better one. The guy by all the laws of nature should be rusted and eroded by now until he moved only with piercing screeches, but he's positively indestructible.

Give Barrow Dickey and the 1943 pitching staff and all he'd need would be seven more guys named Gus to fill out the lineup. Particularly in view of what the rival teams are losing.

So if the Yankees do by chance lose Gordon and Keller, there should be no weeping and wailing. They lost Joe DiMaggio and Phil Rizzuto and Red Rolfe and Tommy Henrich before the 1943 season started, and they came out quite all right.

Pittsburgher Scores In Pacific Ring Event

ADMIRAL HALSEY'S HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 11 (Delayed) (AP)—Regis O'Brien, 172 husky marine from Pittsburgh, knocked out Robert Heuserberger, Baltimore sailor, after one minute and thirteen seconds of the second round of their semi-final match in the South Pacific boxing tournament tonight.

The bout was the feature attraction to determine entries in the South Pacific finals to be held during Christmas week. Other results included:

Eddie White, 147, Pittsburgh sailor, defeated Drake Dedelan, 148, Detroit, navy, technical knockout (2).
Henry Whitley, Baltimore, army negro, outpointed Chester Bowser, 142, Pittsburgh, navy.

RACE RESULTS

TROPICAL PARK RESULTS
FIRST—Moonlight Bonny, 9:30, 2:30, 2:30.
Wine Decision, 3:00, 2:30, 2:30.
SECOND—Coley Bay, 1:30, 2:30, 2:30.
Air Supremacy, 5:30, 4:00, 4:00.
THIRD—Querryton, 10:40, 5:30, 3:30.
Rocket Gal, 9:30, 6:50, Miami Springs, 4:40.
FOURTH—Blue Bash, 10:30, 3:35, 2:40.
U. S. Salute, 2:40, 2:20, Ring Master, 2:30.
FIFTH—Weatherline, 9:30, 5:30, 3:30.
Hopalong, 5:10, 3:20, Artygo, 4:00.
SIXTH—Sambar, 7:40, 4:10, 3:10; Ken-last, 1:10, 2:20, Moon Maiden, 2:40.
SEVENTH—Company Red, 4:00, 2:30, 2:30.
Alating, 2:50, 2:30, Fighting Plover, 2:30.
EIGHTH—Valdina Lord, 14:50, 7:30, 6:40.
Byones, 50:10, 21:40, Gals Light, 13:70.

TROPICAL PARK SCRATCHES
FIRST RACE—Cub, Little Bolo, Can Time, Bulrushes, Wise Niece, Troj Follies, Driven Snow, Jackstraw.
SECOND—Cherbourg, Bell Call, Enlistee, Revive, Reward Me.
EIGHTH—Santo Domingo, Bus V. Z. Pettacastro, Cross Country, Auger Dado II, War Communique.

NINTH—Substitute race. Declared off. Track slow.

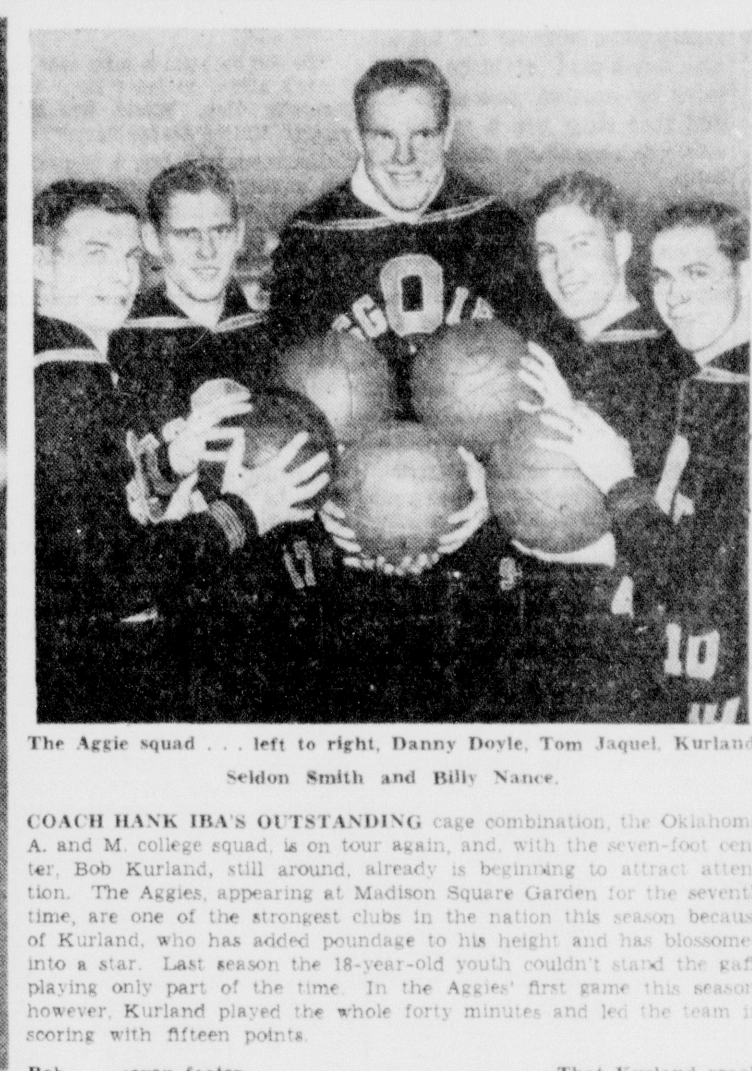
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OKLAHOMA AGGIES, WITH SEVEN-FOOT STAR, ON BASKETBALL TOUR



The Aggie squad . . . left to right, Danny Doyle, Tom Jaquel, Kurland, Seiden Smith and Billy Nance.

Navy Gloom Toga Donned by Coach Of Middle Cagers

Longnecker and Mayer Remain from Last Year's First String

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 20 (AP)—Navy's basketball coach, Johnny Wilson, has put on the toga of gloom which Football Coach John E. (Billie) Wheelchel doffed after the conclusion of the grid season.

He bears his burden with a smile, however, as he explains that only two forwards, Team Captain Kenny Longnecker and Red Mayer, remain from last year's first string lineup, while the remainder of the team will be composed of former substitutes and jayvee squadmen.

The Tar coach has been running two complete squads through heavy practice sessions, and when Navy meets Catholic University on Jan. 8 to open the 1944 season, the Wilson charges will be well-drilled though lacking experience.

Wilson said the two squads lined up like this:

A-Team
Capt. Kenny Longnecker, high scorer for last season is playing his usual clever floor game and seems ready for a fine year.

MacKay, teaming with Longnecker at forward, after playing as a substitute last season, shows daily improvement.

Dick Rahn, who played as a sub in 1943, has been doing well at center, replacing Red Mayer who just reported for practice after a long injury-sickness spell.

Agle Back and Lit Litt, two guards who teamed together on last year's second team are playing improved ball and seem headed for a good season.

Sam Gorsline, up from last year's jayvee squad is keeping Longnecker and McKay worried and hustling.

Ralph Ellenbrand, another jayvee product, is alternating at guard.

B-Team
Bob Howe and Jack Carroll, two plebes, are giving Lance Zech and Russ Owens a fight for forward positions. Zech is the only middle with experience in this group.

Spook Elliott, up from the jayvees is improving daily at center. Bud Bowler and Luke Lynch both played well last year but Lynch has been slow getting into form. Both are clever ball handlers and fine shots.

Mac McMurray, another plebe, has been picked for the squad but injury has kept him from practicing for the past two weeks.

With these brief descriptions Wilson made it clear that the going will be hard for the Navy courtmen but no definite line on midline strength will be available until they get into action against their collegiate and service-team opponents.

Correct!
"There's this to be said of the Rangers," cracked Joe Williams in the New York Tribune, "they're the best losers in hockey."

First Score Card
It will be fifty years come 1944 since the late Harry Stevens printed the first baseball score card.

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The Spotlight by GRANTLAND RICE

(Released by North American Newspaper Alliance)

An old time sportsman, one of our greatest writers, speakers, vits and certainly one of the country's greatest fellows is back in New York recuperating from a serious illness. The name is Irvin E. Cobb, of Paducah, Ky., New York and California, and you can include almost any state where he has spent either a night or a day. Or thirty minutes.

We went back to the older and earlier days of such remembered entries as Boze Bulger, Bunk McBeth, Damon Runyon, Gene Fowler, Ring Lardner, Heywood Brown and a few others who once decorated the New York sports scene.

Irv was telling me of the time when Colonel Matt Winn of Kentucky derby fame, was the finest tailor and clothes salesman the South ever knew, before the call of the thoroughbred lured him away.

Of the earlier days of Colonel Ed Bradley, Phil Chinn and other Kentuckians who have contributed so much to turf history.

Irvin Cobb, with Oliver Herford and Wilson Mizner, is the greatest single line puller I ever knew. I recalled an argument one night over the weights in some coming fight. Cobb suddenly turned to James Preston, the famous artist, and asked:

"How much do you weigh Jimmy?"

"Just one hundred pounds," replied the slender pointer.

"One hundred pounds," Cobb said. "Why I have an aunt with a goiter that weighs more than that."

The Ways of Critics
We were talking about the set ways of certain critics who refused to change their views. I recalled the time when Paul Benjamen came along. Paul was clumsy and awkward, but he could punch and fight. To many fight experts at that time said he was a "bum." When he finally came off the floor to beat Jack Delaney for the light-heavyweight title and smother Young Stribling, he was still a bum, to those who have never liked his style.

Irv laughed. "They remind me of Oliver Herford," he said, "the wit of The Players club and all New York."

"I once asked Herford what he thought of Arnold Bennett's latest smash hit, at that time a sensation. 'I'll tell you my dear Cobb,' Herford said, 'I wrote a criticism about his first book which so prejudiced me against the fellow I have never been able to read anything he has written since.' But the greatest angle on critics," Irv continued, "came from Robert Louis Stevenson when he was dying. A friend told Stevenson that Matthew Arnold, who had penned Stevenson and almost every other writer of that day, had just died."

"Stevenson frowned and shook

his head. That's too bad," he said. He won't like God."

Cobb's two greatest favorites of the old days were John McGraw, of the Giants, and Frank Chance, of the Cubs.

"They were fighters and winners," he said. "They never fought for yards—they fought for inches. They fought every body—umpires, crowds, opposing players and their own players. I'll never forget the time before the famous playoff game in 1908, just after the Merkle incident, when Frank Chance wanted to fight all the Giants and 30,000 hostile New York fans."

"What a baseball parade has gone by since those days," Cobb continued. "When George Cohan and DeWolf Hopper were among the hot rosters."

"I mean Christy Mathewson and Roger Bresnahan — Three-Fingered Brown and Johnny Kling — Walter Johnson, Rube Waddell, Eddie Collins, Joe Jackson, Ty Cobb, Nap Lajoie, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Grover Alexander, Honus Wagner, Ed Walsh, Cy Young, Mike Donlin, Ross Young, Eddie Plank, Chief Bender, Frankie Frisch, Rogers Hornsby—on and on and on."

"They tell me I'm a pretty sick man. Maybe I am. I wouldn't know or care too much. But when I'm tired, now and then, staring at the ceiling—where they no longer let me practice quick starts to the food table—I like to close my eyes and watch that old parade go by."

"Great hitters—the greatest. Great pitchers—the greatest. Don't forget Ed Walsh won either forty or forty-one games one season and saved twelve others. If you only won twenty games, they threw you back."

"Base runners—Cobb stole ninety-six bases one year. If you couldn't steal fifty bases you needed a crutch or a motorcycle. It was a different game. Grant, and to me a better game—for it was a game fought on the field and not over the fences with a rabbit ball. It was at least my game, and the game of millions who still remember those old-time thrills where almost everything happened in the park—and not outside of the park."

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Maryland Deer Kill Drops 50 Per Cent

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 (AP)—State Game Warden E. Lee LeCompte announced today that Maryland's deer kill for the 1943 six-day season totaled 229 animals, compared with 439 last year, a drop of almost fifty per cent.

Only 107 deer were reported killed in Garrett county, the major deer-hunting county in Maryland, compared to 297 in 1942. LeCompte said that the decrease was due to a lack of snow during the shooting season.

Total number of deer killed in the counties were: Allegany, forty-nine; Garrett, 107; Cecil, seven; Dorchester, one; Washington, eighteen; Frederick, ten; and Worcester, twenty-seven.

Bull-ish
Johnny Longden won successive races at Bay Meadows with horses named Bulwark, Bull Pen and Bull Reigh.

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All-Star Yuletide Feature Is Listed By Radio Network

Carols and Other Christmas Music Will Be Presented Also

By C. E. BUTTERFIELD
NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—For an hour on Tuesday night, CBS, with the co-operation of a sponsor, is presenting a pre-Christmas program under the label of "all-star radio show." It will begin at 10 o'clock.
The broadcast is to include such talent as that displayed by Fred Allen, Edgar Bergen's Charlie, Bob Burns, Dorothy Lamour and Pianist Jose Iturbi. As speaker there will be Secretary of Agriculture Wickard in a discussion of food in wartime. Another feature will be Don Ameche.
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Other pre-Christmas broadcasting will take the form of carols by the

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18,000 Ton Tanker To Be Launched Today

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 (AP)—The S.S. Marias, seventh in a series of 18,000-ton, twin-screw tankers being built for the navy, will be launched tomorrow at the Bethlehem-Sparrows Point shipyard, completing the yard's 1943 program a week ahead of schedule.

Mrs. Henry Williams, wife of Rear Admiral Williams of Washington, will christen the vessel.

It is the twentieth ship, to be launched at the Sparrows Point yard this year.

NOAH NUMSKULL
A GOOD BYE SHACK
HELD!
DEAR NOAH DOES THE KISS OF A WAVE HAVE THAT SALT WATER TANG?
MISS ARLENE THRUSH PLAINFIELD, N.J.
DEAR NOAH IS THE LACK OF TIES PUTTING A LOT OF SALESMEN BACK ON THE ROAD?
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Police Sergeant And Wife Found Dead

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20 (AP)—A Baltimore police sergeant and his wife were found dead of bullet wounds today by another policeman who said that there was a service revolver clutched in the dead officer's hand.

The bodies of Sgt. Raymond B. Chapman, 49, and his wife, Mrs. Norma J. Chapman, 49, were discovered by an officer, who went to

their house to learn why the sergeant failed to report for work at midnight, Sunday.

Lieut. John Rusk stated that there was a note on a bedroom table which said:
"To the best pal a man ever had. I can't afford to leave her. I am mentally sick. World war No. 1 veteran United States Navy."

Chapman, who has a 22-year-old son serving overseas with the navy, had just been promoted to sergeant and had been commended for making an important arrest only Saturday.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"The Authority on Authorities"

KEEP THAT MOUTH SHUT

SILENCE IS golden when your opponents have landed in a contract you can surely beat, but have an escape in sight if you warn them by doubling. That is most clear-cut when they have reached a game or slam in a particular suit which is sure to break badly for them because you have the important missing trumps bunched against them. A double from you may impel them into seeking No Trump as a safe declaration.

Hand 1:
♠ K 6 4 3
♥ K Q J 8 7 5
♦ A 3
♣ A 3
Hand 2:
♠ 7
♥ 9 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ 8 6
Hand 3:
♠ 10 8 6 5
♥ A Q 8 2
♦ A
♣ 7 3 2
Hand 4:
♠ K Q 9 4 2
♥ A
♦ 7 3 2
♣ K Q 9 4 2

(Dealer North. Neither side vulnerable.)
North East South West
1♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
3♥ NT Pass 5♥ Pass
4♥ NT Pass 6♥ Pass
5♥ NT Pass 6♥ Pass
7♥ NT Dbl Pass Pass

That bidding was in a match-point duplicate game. If East had remained silent, his pair would have obtained top score for East-West pairs with the only plus scored by anybody against the strong North-South holdings, as he was certain to beat the contract with his spade sequence, a positive producer of one trick when that was trump.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Musical instrument
3. Mound of earth
5. Out of
7. Substitute for spinach
9. Desire
11. Devilfish (Zool.)
13. Goods left at sea with marker
14. Antlered animal
15. Enemy
17. Old times (archaic)
18. Narrow thorough
20. Flourish
23. Necktie
27. Examine, as books
29. Cut
30. Peered
32. Look askance
33. Fencing sword
35. Sheep's cry
38. Female sheep
39. Before
42. One's relative
44. Black and blue
46. Marsh lands
47. Incline
48. Snow vehicle
49. Sharp

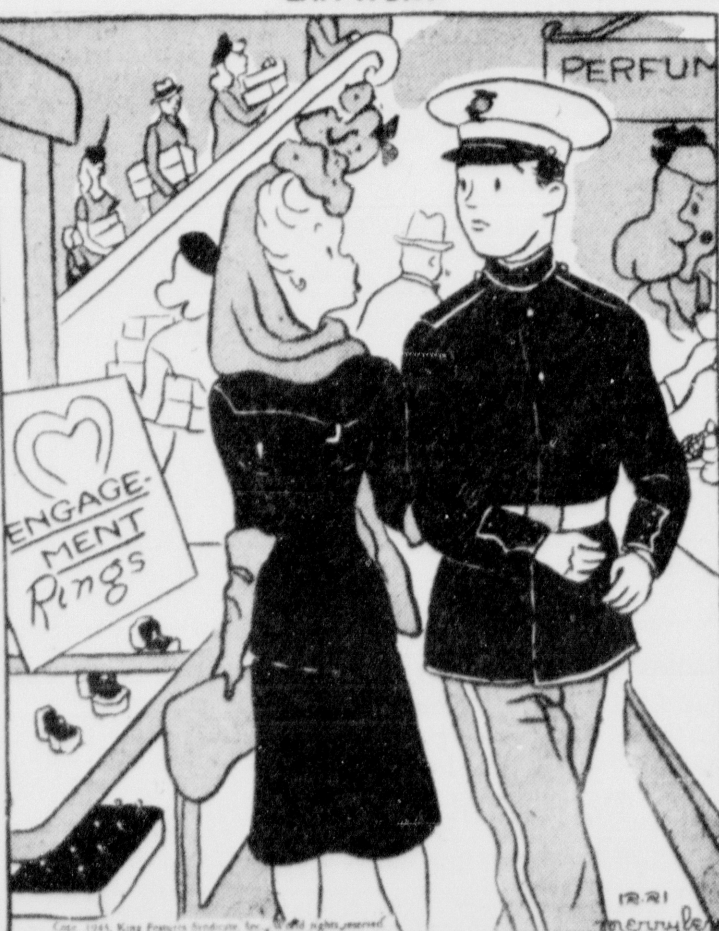
DOWN
1. Volume
2. Russian
4. river
6. Contend for earth
8. Highest card
10. Thrice (mus.)
12. Conical tents
16. Elliptical
18. Repair
20. Sword
22. Poem
24. Thrice (mus.)
26. Thrice (mus.)
28. Conical tents
30. Moisture
31. Elongated fishes
35. Sponges (slang)
36. Shrub (W. Ind.)
38. Mature
40. Paradise
43. Guided
45. Of the same (Scot.)

CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation
CQR UKC VL OMRUZUJY FRIT PVY.
OEOCO TUKJRTX EY THEYJ OZET.
LGTTT—RKUOIGO

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HE WHO LOVES NOT HIS COUNTRY CAN LOVE NOTHING—BYRON.

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LAFF-A-DAY



"Still wondering what I'd like you to give me for Christmas?"

BLONDIE

Grand Stand Seats!

By CHIC YOUNG



BRICK BRADFORD—Beyond the Crystal Door



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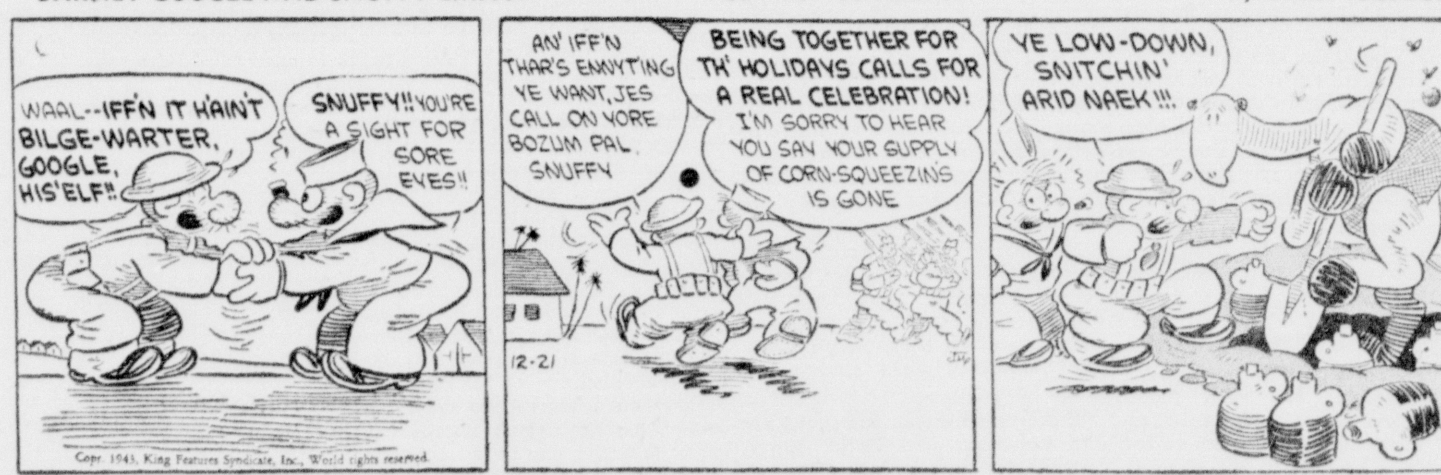
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"BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH"

Call For Celebration

By BILLY DeBECK



LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

Barking Up the Wrong Tree

By BRANDON WALSH



FLASH GORDON—On the Planet Mongo



DICK TRACY—Adios and Hello



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lighty



"And in conclusion, gentlemen, the outlook for our future operations cannot be viewed with optimism."

Legion Will Send Grocery Orders to Forty Families

Letters of Credit Will Be Honored for Christmas Order Up to \$5

Fort Cumberland Post No. 13, American Legion, will issue "letters of credit" to approximately forty needy families to enable them to purchase groceries for their Christmas dinner, it was announced yesterday by Thomas Lohr Richards, chairman of the post's community service committee.

In past years the Legion packed baskets with groceries for distribution to needy persons but the procedure has been changed this year due to the point-rationing program. Those receiving "letters of credit" are authorized to take them to the grocer of their choice who will be instructed to fill an order up to \$5. The grocer in turn will be reimbursed by the Legion upon presentation of the letter to Richards.

A careful check with lists of the Associated Charities and The Salvation Army is made by the Legion before "letters of credit" are mailed out in order to avoid any duplication.

Cumberland Aerie No. 245, Loyal Order of Moose, will see to it that approximately twenty needy families are supplied with food commodities for Christmas. A committee, comprising Frank J. Davis, chairman; James Morris, William River, Wesley Blunk, James Brode and J. G. Humbertson will have charge of the annual distribution on Friday.

FIRE ON WILLS MOUNTAIN CHECKED AFTER LONG BATTLE

Cause of the fire that burned over a portion of Wills mountain at the Narrows yesterday afternoon has not been determined, local forestry officials declared last evening.

The fire, which started about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon near the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks spread up the mountain to the cliffs before it was checked about 6:30 p. m. Brisk winds hampered the work of extinguishing the fire that covered a path of about one eighth of a mile along the tracks.

According to William H. Johnson, district forester, a railroad crew of about six men began to fight the fire shortly after it began to spread. Later the Bowman's Addition Volunteer Fire Department aided in the fight. Erner Wigfield, district forest warden, was in charge of the work.

East Side firemen were called to the home of Russell Windemuth, 423 Wainwright street, yesterday at 10:45 a. m. when gas accumulated in a stove and blew open the door, filling the room with smoke.

South End firemen extinguished a fire at the home of W. M. Stonebraker, 119 Oldtown road, yesterday at 10:19 a. m. Two hours later they were called to put out a gas and brush fire near the old race track.

No damage was reported from an overheated furnace at the home of Lloyd Cornwell, 216 Park street, late yesterday afternoon. South Cumberland firemen were out for ten minutes on the call.

Frank L. Casteel Is Turned Over To Army Authorities

Frank L. Casteel, Bedford road, was turned over to military police authorities yesterday. The local soldier, who has been absent from Fort Jackson, S. C., since December 1, according to a "pick up" notice, was arrested Saturday by Officers John G. Powers and Thomas J. See.

Casteel, who officers say is "alleged" to the army, has been arrested four other times in this city on charges of being A.W.O.L. since he entered the army.

On April 5, he was picked up by Troopers Milton G. Hart and Graydon S. Dunlap. In May of last year Officer John W. Snyder and Arthur Kennel arrested him on the same charge. Officer Powers and Frederick O. Daim picked him up in October of last year and in April Officer Thomas T. Griffin made the arrest, according to police.

George Curtis, 519 Forester avenue, forfeited a \$10 bond yesterday in police court when he failed to answer for a hearing on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Police Continue Search For Important Equipment From "Midland" Bomber

Although co-operative residents in the Midland area have turned in all sorts of equipment taken from the B-17 bomber which recently crashed near there, the appeal for the return of the most important article has still been unanswered, state police revealed last night.

After the publication of the need for recovery of a small motor apparatus, Stakem's place in Midland was well supplied with returned souvenirs, Sgt. Harold C. Carl, state trooper, stated, but as yet the little motor has failed to put in an appearance.

Sgt. Carl said that he received an inquiry yesterday from army authorities at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, about the missing object and investigations as to its whereabouts are being continued.

Ration Roundup

(By The Associated Press)
Meats, Fats, Etc.—Book three brown stamps L. M. N. P. and Q valid through January 1.

Processed Foods—Book four green stamps A, B and C expire December 20; stamps D, E and F valid through January 20.

Sugar—Book four Stamp 29 good for five pounds through January 15.

Shoes—Book one Stamp 18 and book three "airplane" Stamp No. 1 good indefinitely.

Gasoline—In Northeast and Southeast 8-A coupons good for three gallons through February 8. Elsewhere, 9-A coupons good for three gallons through January 21. B and C coupons valid for two gallons everywhere except Rocky mountains and Far West, where they are good for three gallons.

Cash from War Bonds Used for Christmas Buying

Post Office Says about 100 Bonds a Day Are Being Cashed

Uncle Sam may not be exactly a Santa Claus but indirectly he has been helping to make a happy Christmas possible for many Cumberland people.

The redemption of war bonds, normally brisk, has continued this month and many of the people who seek to cash in the bonds say that they need the money for Christmas, postal officials say.

Not all of the bonds being redeemed are being used to furnish Christmas money, however. Often the persons will mention that they need the money to pay a hospital bill or that they are using the money to help pay for some furniture they are buying.

About one out of every three persons give some reason as to why they are seeking to obtain their money.

Needed Christmas Money

Recently a woman entered Postmaster Shriver's office seeking to cash in a bond. She explained that her husband was in the hospital and that she needed the money to buy Christmas presents for her four children.

However, since the bond was made out in her husband's name, it was not possible to certify the bond. A helpful postal official took the check to the husband in the hospital and had him sign the bond and completed the transaction within an hour.

Another frequent reason for cashing in bonds is that the person is out of work. Following the Kelly furloughs, redemptions were accelerated.

No Charge for Certification

Normally about 100 bonds are certified each day at the post office, the only agency in town that normally certifies bonds without charge, postal officials said. When income taxes are due, redemption increases. Bond sales at the post office have dropped off in the past few months. September's total of \$32,175 decreased to \$18,975 in October and fell to \$16,387.50 in November.

One of the highest months on record here was the January after Pearl Harbor when 818 bonds valued at \$42,693.75 were sold at the post office.

Cancellations at Post Office Total 504,500 For Seven-day Period

Cancellations at the local post office totaled 504,500 for the seven-day period ending Sunday as compared to 424,300 cancellations for the same period last year. Officials expected yesterday's cancellations to reach 60,000, and believed that the outgoing rush was about over.

Overworked postal employees were able to breathe a sigh of relief late Sunday evening as all mail on hand was ready for city delivery or bagged ready to be dispatched to trains.

All outgoing mail was taken care of Friday but distributing personnel were unable to cope with the flood of local and incoming mail. Cancellations totaled 108,200 Friday, Saturday's cancellations dropped 4,000, and yesterday, with its light local receipts, dropped to 40,000 late last evening.

All outgoing mail is being dispatched practically on time, officials said. City mail was sorted for delivery at 9:30 o'clock Sunday evening. All of the carriers who were ill are now back at work but three distributors were too ill to report for work over the weekend.

Cigaret Fund Nets \$171 for 3,433 Packs For Men Overseas

Contributions totaling \$171.65, enough to purchase 3,433 packs of cigarettes for servicemen overseas, was deposited by patroness of Rand's Self Service Store in a large glass jar which was opened yesterday at a local bank.

Donations included two checks for \$10 each and \$151.65 in change. Cigarets, labeled with the commitments of the citizens of Cumberland, will be turned over to the War department by a nationally known tobacco concern for shipment to the men overseas.

Landon Heskett Rites Scheduled For Tomorrow

Father of Cumberland City Attorney Succumbs in Keyser Hospital

Funeral services for Landon Carter Heskett, 68, of 10 East Hampshire street, Piedmont, W. Va., father of Charles Z. Heskett, attorney for the City of Cumberland, who died Sunday at 4:45 p. m. in Potomac Valley hospital, Keyser, will be held tomorrow afternoon from his late residence with the Rev. R. L. Vining, pastor of the Piedmont Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment will be in Philo cemetery, Westernport.

Services at the grave will be conducted by Mr. Carbon lodge No. 28, of Masons, of which Mr. Heskett was a member.

Mr. Heskett was stricken Saturday at 2 p. m., on Ashfield street, Piedmont, and after being taken to his home was removed to the Keyser hospital at 7 p. m.

A native of Shepherdstown, when it was in the State of Virginia, he was a son of the late Landon C. and Joan Entler Heskett and resided in Piedmont for twenty-five years. He was manager of Buxton and Landstreet Company stores in Beryl, Henry and Weaver, W. Va., and was bookkeeper for the Deep Run Coal Company prior to retiring fourteen years ago.

Mr. Heskett was a member of Lewistown lodge No. 203, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Knights Templar of Lewistown, Pa. Lu Lu Temple, Ancient and Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Philadelphia, and was a Thirty-second degree Mason.

Surviving besides his widow, Mrs. Clara Simms Heskett, are one son, Charles Z. Heskett, Cumberland; a daughter, Miss Lulu M. Heskett, Piedmont; a brother, Daniel E. Heskett, Worthington, W. Va., and a sister, Miss Clara M. Heskett, Piedmont.

MRS. LEAH KIFFNER

Mrs. Leah H. Kiffner, 48, of 127 Baltimore street, wife of John G. Kiffner, proprietor of the Kiffner Sign Service, died yesterday afternoon at 5:32 o'clock in Allegheny hospital where she was admitted at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Kiffner became ill from bronchial pneumonia several days ago.

Mrs. Kiffner, who conducted the Book Center at 40 North Centre street for the past four years, was at her place of business Thursday, not realizing the seriousness of the cold she had at the time.

Besides her literary work, Mrs. Kiffner took part in the activities of the air raid control center in the city hall since shortly after its inauguration. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church.

A native of St. Mary's, W. Va., she was a daughter of Mrs. Ella M. Altice and the late Charles B. Altice. When she came to Cumberland in 1920, she was a secretary for the Vang Construction Company.

Besides her husband and her mother, she is survived by one brother, Frank B. Altice, Wilmington, Del., an employee of the du Pont corporation.

The body will remain at Stein's chapel.

MRS. NOAH LOWERY

Annie Matilda Lowery, 65, widow of the late Noah Lowery, of Bedford county, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Goldie Sarah Shroyer, Corriganville.

A native of Bedford county, where she lived her entire life, Mrs. Lowery was the daughter of the late Daniel and Sarah Porter Clites. She was a member of Cook's Mill Methodist church.

Besides Mrs. Shroyer, the following children survive: Harvey G. Alvin E. and Virgil D. Lowery, all of Hyndman, Pa.; R. D. I. and Orville L. Lowery, of Ellerslie. Other survivors include three brothers, William H. Clites, Corriganville; Albert R. Clites, Hyndman, Pa.; and Roy C. Clites, Altoona, Pa., and one sister, Mrs. Mina R. Bohn, Hyndman, R. D. 1.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon from Cook's Mill chapel, with the Rev. Owens, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Kemp, of Ellerslie, officiating. Interment will be in Porter's cemetery.

MRS. RUFFINA MILLER RITES

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruffina Miller, 65, of 213 Oak street, wife of Perry V. Miller, who died Friday, were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the First Christian church by the Rev. Roy L. Henthorn, pastor. Mrs. Miller had been a member of the church since its beginning here.

Following the service, the body was taken to Hyndman for interment. The Rev. Hiram N. Van Voorhis, pastor of Central Christian church, Hyndman, conducted the service at the grave.

Palbearers were Paul Reid, Paul Gormer, Robert Long, James Miller, Edward Bucy and Charles McKearn. Flower bearers were Louise Carroll, Nina Wolfington, Beverly Ayer and Margaret Harper.

14 Scout Troop Share \$721 from Paper Sale

Cumberland district Boy Scouts of America, has received \$1,441.35 from the sale of paper collected in the recent waste paper collection drive here and fifty per cent of this amount has been apportioned to fourteen local troops whose leaders the campaign.

The other half, representing \$721, is retained in the district treasury.

LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTER IS CAUGHT IN CHRISTMAS "RUSH"

Runs Gamut of Activity on Facsimile of "Time-and-a-half" Schedule

Visitors to the local post office during the current holiday season are finding yuletide activity not confined to the main level alone, but extending upward to the third floor where the Red Cross offices have been caught in a Christmas rush.

In between telegrams, phone calls, interviews and dispatches which have put the local chapter on a reasonable facsimile of a "time-and-a-half" schedule, volunteer workers revealed activities which are running the gamut of Red Cross experiences.

Many Messages Received
The greatest demand is for extension of servicemen's leaves because of illness, office attaches revealed. Because of the current flu epidemic, every effort, particularly at the "eleventh" hour, is made to obtain extensions, they explained.

Many soldiers have had to be hospitalized after their arrival here and camps notified. Chapter officials pointed out, however, that military officials are checking strictly before granting furlough extensions because of illness.

Yesterday afternoon also found the local office well equipped with a shipment of surgical dressings which are to go to the Louisville Ordnance Depot, while the Red Cross production division is receiving acknowledgements from points all over the country for Allegheny chapter equipment issued from a New Jersey Red Cross warehouse.

The most recent acknowledgment came Friday from the commanding officer of a tank battalion at Camp Campbell, Ky., who, for himself and his men, thanked the local chapter for knitted helmets.

"This is a combat organization with the men constantly in the field and undergoing frequent and bitter exposure," he wrote "in armored vehicles a part of the crew always ride with their heads exposed to all discomforts of wind, rain, sleet and cold. The handwork and patient craftsmanship of your organization will do much to add to the comfort of my men. They and I am most grateful to you."

Relay Messages

Other letters came from a member of the Australian Air Force, who had received a Red Cross kit from a LaVale contributor, and officials at Fort Monmouth, N. J., Haines Point Cantonment, D. C., and a station hospital in Nashville, Tenn., who expressed gratitude for knitted garments provided by the local unit. Among their most pleasant holiday duties has been the relay of messages to families from relatives in subjugated countries, chapter workers said.

The most recent were from people in Hungary who, through the Red Cross, were able to contact their relatives here. Although this is a year-round function of the Red Cross, it is a particular pleasure to transfer good tidings at this season of the year, the workers commented.

Boy Scouts Will Hold Yule Party

75 from Five Troops Will Attend Affair Dec. 30 in St. Mary's Hall

Seventy-five leaders and boys will gather at St. Mary's hall, Oldtown road, Thursday, December 30, at 7:30 p. m. for the annual Christmas party of the five Boy Scout troops of the South Cumberland neighborhood, H. Vernon Adams, neighborhood commissioner, announced last evening.

Arrangements are in charge of Bernard Beck, scoutmaster of Troop No. 8, of St. Mary's church, assisted by William Boardman.

Leaders and boys from Troop No. 2, of the Baltimore and Ohio Y.M.C.A.; Troop No. 15, Fort Hill high school; Troop No. 23, United Brethren church; Troop No. 8, St. Mary's church, and the newly organized troop of Wiley Ford, W. Va., have been invited to attend.

A program of games is being arranged, refreshments will be served and there will be an exchange of gifts as a grand finale.

Six Births Are Reported Here

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Reitz, Newport News, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, yesterday morning in Newport News. The infant will be named Alice Sue. Mrs. Reitz is the former Miss Alice Durrett, daughter of Mrs. Roy W. Durrett, Williams street, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reitz, 305 Decatur street, are the paternal grandparents.

A son was born to Dr. and Mrs. John Topper, Hyndman, in Memorial hospital last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brooks, 202 Springdale street, announce the birth of a daughter in Memorial hospital yesterday morning.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donahue, Mt. Savage road, in Allegheny hospital yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Twigg, 31 Ridgeway terrace, announce the birth of a son in Memorial hospital Sunday. Mr. Twigg is a member of the United States Maritime Service.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ridgway, 704 Bedford street, Sunday morning. Mrs. Ridgway was the former Miss Blanche Welker, Fort Ashby, W. Va.



Word has been received here that Sgt. Floyd W. Catherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Catherman, West Mechanic street, Frostburg, and husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Catherman, Grant street, has arrived safely in North Africa. Sgt. Catherman has two brothers in service, with one navy in the South Pacific and the other stationed at the Philadelphia navy yard.

Second Lieut. Tobie T. Goodman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Goodman, 505 North Centre street, has arrived at basic training center of the army air forces at Greensboro, N. C. where she will attend a basic training school for nurses.

Pvt. Charles J. Cathcart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cathcart, Frostburg, has arrived at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he will take basic training in the army air forces training command.

Robert L. Rice, 19, son of Joseph A. Rice, 636 Fairview avenue, completed aviation cadet training at the naval air station, Pensacola, Fla., and has been commissioned ensign in the United States Naval Reserve.

Kenneth F. Gornall, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Gornall, Baltimore Pike, Route No. 2, is enrolled as an aviation cadet in the AAF Pre-flight school for Pilots at Maxwell Field, Alabama.

Herbert Dawson, Jr., of Luke, has finished preliminary training at the Sheephead, N. Y., Maritime Service training center and been assigned to the engineering training department.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Colbert, 34 Grand avenue, have been notified their son, Pfc. Hermon S. Colbert arrived in England. His only brother, Cpl. Melvin W. Colbert, is stationed in the Southwest Pacific.

Mrs. Dave Telford, 123 Washington street, Frostburg, received word her husband, Pvt. Dave Telford, recently inducted into the army, has been transferred from Fort George Meade to Fort Belvoir, Va.

Sgt. Grant E. Zollner returned to Fort Benning, Ga., after a week spent with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Zollner, 401 Laing avenue.

Miss Betty L. Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilson, Gilmore, arrived at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to begin basic training in the WAC. A son, George Wilson, Jr., has completed boot training at Bainbridge Naval Training station and is expected home on leave in a few days.

Mrs. Mabel White, Eckhart, received word her husband, Pvt. Clark R. White, has been transferred from Camp Barkley, Texas, to Denver, Colo.

Pvt. Charles E. Dillow, 109 Reynolds street and Pvt. Dwight B. Froude, 130 Seymour street are attending the anti-aircraft artillery school, Camp Davis, N. C.

Five members of the Army Nurse Corps from Maryland have been called to active duty. It was announced by Brigadier General Philip Hayes, commanding general of the Third Service Command. They include Lieut. Dorothy Leah Sigler, 429 Walnut street, Westernport and Lieut. Helen Mae Twigg, 303 Laing avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard O'Haver, Westernport, received word that their daughter, Pfc. Mary O'Haver is out of the station hospital after having pneumonia for three weeks. She is with the WAC detachment at Indianapolis, Ind. Their son, Pvt. James O'Haver is stationed with the medical detachment at Camp J. T. Robinson, Ark.

Curtis O. Gilpin, Bedford road, is enrolled at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, for courses preliminary to appointment as an aviation cadet.

Leroy F. Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Owens, 112 Pennsylvania avenue, and Eldon M. Hannas, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hannas, 648 Baker street, have been awarded petty officer ratings at the Great Lakes, Ill., Naval Training Station.

Stanley Clay Morris, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Morris, 508 Eastern avenue, has been graduated at an aerial gunnery school and is now stationed at Cecil Field, Jacksonville, Fla., for flight training.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Guy, Walnut street, Westernport, received a card Thursday from their son, Sgt. Ralph R. Guy, a war prisoner of Japan at Tokyo which was dated June 7. It stated he was safe, well, and hoped to join them in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Koonitz, 528 North Centre street, have been advised of the arrival in Australia of their son, Cpl. Claude E. Koonitz.

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OPA Will Honor Volunteers with Service Awards

Board Members Will Receive Certificates on Second Anniversary

Approximately twelve volunteers who have contributed one hundred hours or more of service to the Cumberland War Price and Rationing Board will be eligible for war service award certificates in connection with the second anniversary of organization of the boards in Maryland on January 5, Karl W. Radcliffe, chief clerk, announced yesterday.

Formal recognition of the service contributed by the more than 7,000 volunteer workers and board members in the state will be made next month, according to Leo H. McCormick, state director.

It is estimated that 900 board members and volunteers have contributed 100 hours or more of service. Later special certificates of service will be awarded to local board members.

Praises Board Members

"Without the conscientious and efficient work contributed by the 7,000 volunteers in Maryland the rationing and price-control program of the OPA would have been impossible," McCormick said.

The state director paid special tribute to the board members who have given hundreds of hours of their time to rationing and price-control activities and to the volunteer workers who aided the boards in carrying out their programs.

"While these awards and certificates are being issued by the OPA, I know that they carry with them the deep appreciation and respect of every American family," McCormick declared.

The tribute to the Maryland volunteers is part of a national program of recognition to ration-board workers.

Service Pins for 500 Hours
On the certificates for volunteers who have served 200 or more hours there will be a red stripe diagonally across the corner, with an additional stripe for each one hundred hours. A distinguished service pin will be presented later to volunteers who have served 500 hours or more.

Radcliffe said that three Cumberland volunteers have served 500 hours or more since the board was established here.

Bruce Crites Is Fined \$25; Other Cases Are Heard

Bruce Ivan Crites, Green Springs, W. Va., B and O boiler-maker's helper, paid a fine of \$25 and costs in trial magistrates court yesterday after pleading guilty, before Magistrate Frank A. Perdew, to a charge of passing a school bus that was discharging passengers.

Crites was arrested November 12 by Trooper Graydon S. Dunlap after the car he was driving struck a six-year-old Green Spring boy. The lad suffered a fractured leg when he was hit as he ran around the end of the bus, attaches said. The accident occurred on Route 51 at Spring Gap.

Harold B. Bennett, Winchester road, paid a \$5 fine yesterday after he pleaded guilty before Magistrate Perdew, to a charge of exceeding thirty miles an hour in a restricted zone. He was arrested Friday by Trooper Milton Hart.

Norman C. Rintz, Cokesburg, Pa., forfeited \$145 bond yesterday when he failed to appear for a hearing before Magistrate Oliver H. Bruce, Jr., on a charge of exceeding fifty miles an hour on Route 40, three miles east of this city. Charges were preferred by Trooper Charles D. McLane.

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Allegheny Farm Bureau Leads State in Growth

Has Largest Percentage of Increase in Membership for Current Year

With approximately a fifty per cent growth, the Allegheny County Farm Bureau has the largest percentage of increase in membership in the state for the currently closing year, statistics from the state bureau disclose.

Although outnumbered in size by other counties, Allegheny registered the most growth throughout the year. Membership totaled 103 at the year's beginning and latest figures revealed an increase to 158.

As a result, this county will be represented on the Maryland Farm Bureau Membership Committee which will meet today at the Lord Baltimore hotel, Baltimore, to make plans for the 1944 membership campaign.

Hugh Stevenson, membership solicitor for the Allegheny bureau, has been named delegate to the Baltimore meeting.

Stevenson also heads the public relations committee for the county bureau, which is at present investigating possibilities of obtaining feed corn through the Commodity Credit Corporation to relieve the feed shortage being experienced by county dairymen.

It was revealed last night that the committee, which also includes Harry J. Barton, of Pinto, and Charles Harvey, of Frostburg, has obtained another carload of government feed wheat which will be available for distribution within the next few days.

The price has been raised twenty cents on the bushel and farmers desiring supplies are asked to contact the committee. The wheat is not limited to farmers who are bureau members.

Lions Club Members Will Vie for Prizes in Membership Drive

The Cumberland Lions Club has been invited to the Melvin Jones birthday party at the Mayflower hotel, Washington, D. C., January 5, at 6:30 p. m. William D. Timmons, president, announced yesterday.

Each club in District 22A, in which Cumberland is located, is asked to be represented and to bring at least two members to be inducted by Melvin Jones, founder of Lionsism.

In January the Lions International will present